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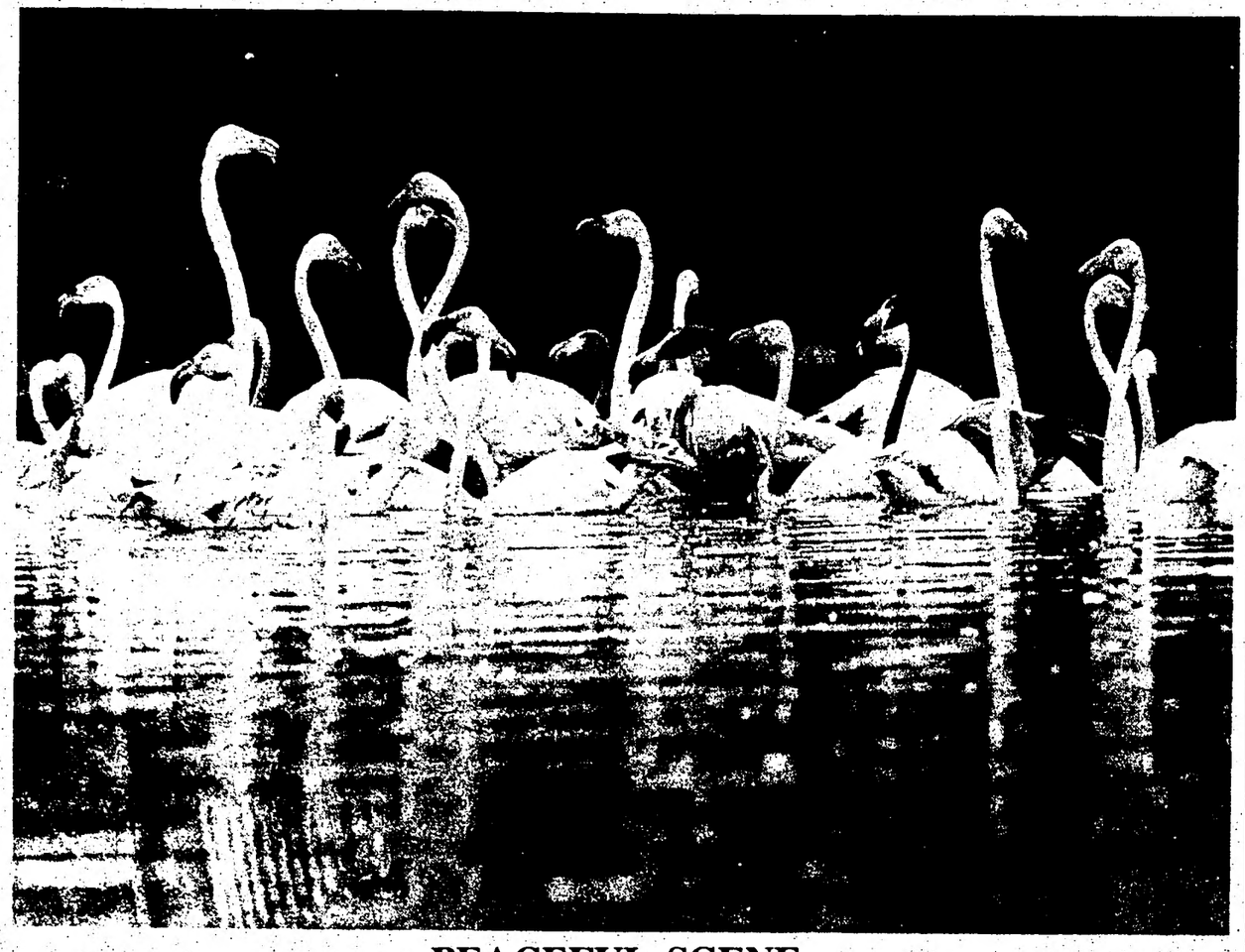

PEACEFUL SCENE

The Ramat Gan Safari Park has enlarged its collection of flamingos by importing 20 birds from Egypt. It is hoped that the combination of new blood as well as a beautiful new enclosure will encourage the birds to breed. [IPPA photo]

Germany rejects investigator's Neo-Nazi probe

BERLIN (JTA) — The German government has rejected a claim by an Israeli journalist who infiltrated German neo-Nazi groups that the country's right-wing extremist movement is larger than officially acknowledged by the authorities.

After six months of investigation, Yaron Svoray held a news conference in New York last week in which he challenged the official German estimates and also said he witnessed open sympathy by German police toward neo-Nazis.

Svoray, whose expenses were paid by the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Los Angeles-based Jewish organization which combats anti-Semitism worldwide, said his most significant find was the leadership potential of neo-Nazi Wolfgang Juchem, a former soldier and intelligence man.

However, the government's Office for the Protection of the Constitution, as well as security officials, experts on the right wing and even one neo-Nazi leader have all dismissed Svoray's claims.

A spokesperson for the Constitutional Protection Office in Cologne rejected figures by Svoray, who claimed the neo-Nazi Nationalistic Front has 8,600 members and another neo-Nazi organization, the Free Labor Party, has 980 members.

The government spokesperson said the National Front, declared illegal by the interior minister last November, has 50 to 80 members, and the Free Labor Party has 220 members.

Burkhard Schroeder, a journalist and expert on neo-Nazis, said the National Front has no more than 200 members, half of whom are also members in other neo-Nazi groups. He added that the Free Labor Party could never gather more than 400 sympathizers to its marches, including non-members.

Even Heinz Reisz, a spokesman for the tiny neo-Nazi Hessens Germans group who had met with Svoray, said he doubts Svoray's figures "just as much as I doubt the figure six million" for the Holocaust's Jewish victims.

Posing as an Australian sympathizer by the name of Ron Furey, Svoray established contacts with neo-Nazis in Germany between October 1992 and April 1993.

Svoray, the son of Holocaust survivors and a former Israeli police detective, volunteered for the project and was paid only expenses.

The Wiesenthal Center's European director, Shimon Samuels, said his organization has been urging German authorities for two years to combat neo-Nazi videocassettes and other right-wing activities.

"But they did not react, so we decided to act on our own," Samuels said.

The center's intention in backing Svoray was to point out that the German authorities "do not take proper measures."

He also said the project's findings, which included recorded interviews and photos of neo-Nazi activities, were passed on to the German ambassador to the United States.

Neo-Nazi Reisz said he thanked Svoray for the publicity, "bringing Hitler, a historical personality, into every TV screen worldwide. We couldn't have raised the money for this."

Police raids successful

Schroeder said the Israeli journalist has inadvertently done the neo-Nazis a service by overestimating their importance.

All sources rejected the possibility that the small neo-Nazi groups unite behind one leader, such as Juchem. Experts said these organizations compete with each other and don't want to unite.

Sources here admit that occasional contact does exist between certain sympathetic policemen and neo-Nazis, but that such contacts are expressly forbidden.

"I am convinced that these policemen make the exception and when discovered are removed from office," says Eberhard Seidel-Pielan, a neo-Nazi expert.

His colleague Schroeder also pointed out that numerous police raids on neo-Nazis in the last year were successful and were surprises, countering claims of alleged co-operation between the two.

A source in Berlin for the Office for the Protection of the Constitution insisted the recent neo-Nazi wave is over. "The large majority of Germans will combat any such new attempts, and successfully."

Limited powers set for Palestinian rule

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israel will agree to grant Palestinians rights to pass laws relating to public services during the interim period of self-rule, since they do not involve security issues, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the cabinet on Sunday, according to sources present.

Until now, Israel has insisted that the Palestinian self-governing authority (SGA) be only allowed to promulgate regulations, and not pass laws, out of fear the SGA would vote itself into statehood.

The new proposal would seem to be a compromise, granting Palestinians full control over such issues as health and education, but not issues that could touch on sovereignty.

Israeli officials do not rule out that arrangements could be made with the Palestinians that would link such services in eastern Jerusalem to the SGA. Such a precedent already exists: Since 1967, Palestinian pupils in eastern Jerusalem continue to study according to the Jordanian curriculum, as do pupils in the territories.

However, Israel rejects any suggestion that eastern Jerusalem residents be represented in the SGA, nor would the SGA have any legal jurisdiction in the city.

After the polemics that have characterized the talks with the Palestinians till now, progress appears to have been made, with the Palestinians agreeing to establish three working groups to hammer out the specifics of self-rule.

Chief negotiator Elyakim Rubinstein and Palestinian delegate Saeb Erekat are to chair one working group on the powers and geographic jurisdiction of the SGA. The second working group will deal with sharing land and water rights in the territories. This group will be headed by Gen. Danny Rothschild, IDF coordinator of activities in the territories, and by the Palestinians' hardline leader, Dr. Haider Abdel-Shafi.

The third working group will deal with human rights issues. Israel has yet to name its leader, while the Palestinian team will be led by Nabil Kasis.

An Israeli concession that passed almost unnoticed last week was Israel's agreement to allow two Palestinians from abroad to advise the working groups. The two are London-based Ahmed Khalidi and Paris-based Kamil Mansour. Until now, Israel rejected the inclusion of advisers from abroad at the bilateral talks.

The Rabin government has already allowed Palestinians living abroad to join the multilateral talks on economic co-operation and on refugees. However, at the three-day economic co-operation panel which began Tuesday in Rome, the Palestinians are trying to include a member of the Palestine National Council, the PLO's "parliament." Israel is threatening to boycott the talks if the Palestinians go ahead with their plan.

Speaking to Israeli reporters in Washington on Sunday Palestinian spokesperson Hanan Ashrawi said the Palestinians are encouraged by Israel's recent gestures, saying they indicated Israel is "beginning to deal with issues in a more realistic way."

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45th birthday celebrated in style

Ontario Premier Bob Rae joined Amos Tuval (centre), CEO of Israel Discount Bank of Canada and Menachem Inbar, president and CEO of Bank Leumi Le-Israel (of Canada) at a Yom Ha'Atzmaut reception at Queen's Park last week. [Patricia Rucker photo]

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Concrete steps will be taken to increase economic ties between Israel and the province of Ontario during the coming year, Premier Bob Rae indicated at a reception given by the Ontario government in honor of Israel's 45th birthday.

Speaking to more than 100 members of the Jewish and Israeli communities in Toronto, Rae noted that "many Israeli banks, many Israeli businesses are here . . . but not enough. The relations need to be deepened and strengthened.

"During the coming year something can be done to strengthen economic ties."

In introducing the Premier, Consul General Dror Zeigerman thanked the Ontario government for its ongoing support. "It is not simply lip service," he said. "That is why we appreciate the economic ties we have with Ontario."

He expressed Israel's hope that a lasting Middle East peace would be achieved before Israel's 46th anniversary.

"We are calling for a stop to terrorism; for borders open to tourism and trade; and for Israeli embassies in all Arab capitals."

The reception at Queen's Park has been an annual event since 1988. Elaine Ziemba, minister of citizenship; MPPs Zanana Akande, Charles Harnick, Monte Kwinter and Steven Offer; and Arlene Perly Rae were also there to toast Israel's birthday.

Following the reception, the Premier made a statement to the Legislature marking the occasion. Statements were also given by Offer (Lib.-Mississauga North), Akande (NDP-St. Andrew-St. Patrick), Kwinter (Lib.-Wilson Heights) and Harnick (PC-Willowdale).

Later in the day, more than 500 guests celebrated once again at a reception hosted by the consul general and his wife at the Koffler Gallery in North York.

The reception line also included Vice Consul Haim Waxman and his wife Amalia, Consul of Tourism Ruth Ben-Tsur and her husband Eddie, and Benjamin Noy, Consul of Commerce and his wife Edith.

With Israeli and Canadian flags as a backdrop, diplomats, politicians, Jewish and Christian clergy and representatives of Jewish organizations sipped Israeli wine and toasted the State of Israel.

A piper playing the vice-regal salute signalled the entrance of Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman, which was followed by the singing of O Canada and Hatikvah, led by Cantor Louis Danto.

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, taking three key words from Hatikvah — nefesh yehudi homiyah (the soul of the Jew is stirring) — as his theme, drew on the double meaning of the Hebrew word nefesh.

"Hebrew is the only language I know in which one word, nefesh, can describe both body and soul! Is that not a perfect description of the deeper call of Hatikvah: both body and soul are stirred by the reality of Israel's rebirth, the Jewish people as a world-wide community, and the Jewish soul as a mystery that links us to eternal existence."

In her greetings from the government, Ziemba reiterated the Premier's pledge that the Ontario government would work

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Country's fallen heroes honored at Yom Hazikaron service

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —Heavy rain failed to prevent a capacity audience from honoring the fallen heroes of Israel at a Yom Hazikaron Assembly at Adath Israel Synagogue.

With its combination of sacred and contemporary Israeli music, special messages from Consul General Dror Zeigerman and Rabbi Erwin Schild, the contribution of the Zabar Scouts in a flag raising ceremony, and the participation of the Ne'Imot Choir and soloists, the assembly proved to be a dignified and moving affair.

"From their graves, the fallen Israeli soldiers, nearly 18,000 since 1948, call out for us to continue our struggle to keep Israel secure," Zeigerman said.

"Today in Toronto, we salute these people and their families and the continuation of a strong and independent Israel. We pray and hope that the memory of the fallen will give us the courage to continue to fight for peace and security."

A fellow internment camp colleague, Gerry Levine, who died in the war for Israel's independence personifies the courage of those who gave up a life in Canada to make aliyah, Rabbi Schild said. Levine, who fell in the battle against the Arabs, lies buried in the Mount Herzl military cemetery.

"They were not helpless victims of hatred," he said, referring to the Jews who rallied from many countries to fight for Israel. "Through their blood the Jewish state lives."

Dr. H.S. Kimelman, whose daughter Marni died as the result of a terrorist attack in Israel, said Kaddish, while Shai Schechter read Yizkor. Kel Maleh Rachamim was recited by Cantor Eli Kirshblum and a memorial candle was lit by Tsipi Erez.

Soloists taking part were Israel David, Reuven Zemer, Zohara Zarfati, Eli Avidor and Galia Ben-Mordechai, accompanied by Doron Ophir.

The honor guard of Zabar Scouts was composed of Bilha Nagirner, Yair Shlack, Sagi Gedeliviteh, and Avi Berkovitch while other Zabar Scouts taking part were Hanan Ohana, Monica Ackerman, Eliana Hacohen, Lilach Meidan and Ishai David. Erez Kofman played Taps and the order of the day from the Chief of Staff was read by Yakov Erez.

At a flag-raising ceremony at the Yom Hazikaron assembly at Adath Israel Synagogue, honoring Israel's war dead, the Zabar Scouts honor guard was, from left, Bilha Nagirner, Avi Berkovitch, Yair Shlach and Sagi Gedelivitch. [Alron photo]

Young people from various Jewish youth groups joined festivities at Beth Tzedec Synagogue for the community's annual Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.

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Showboat strains ethnic ties

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — "If relations between the black community and the Jewish community here are so tenuous that they can be blown apart by a little drama like *Show Boat*, then we need to go back to square one," says Rev. Eustace Meade, pastor of the First Baptist Church on Huron Street, established 167 years ago.

His reaction to the controversy surrounding the musical scheduled to open the new North York Performing Arts Centre Oct. 5 is typical of that of both blacks and whites who deplore the conflict.

Meade told *The CJN* he couldn't believe that the good relations between Jews and blacks, built so carefully over the years, are in danger of breaking apart over the *Show Boat* issue.

The call to repair black-Jewish relations was echoed by Morley Wolfe of B'nai Brith of Canada, Louis Lenkinski, chair of the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and by Al Mercury, special advisor to the North York race relations committee. "Relations between the two groups have been waning," Mercury said.

The "Jewish issue" was injected by some opponents to staging the musical, including North York Trustee Stephanie Payne, a black, who charged that it was mostly Jewish men who put on shows denigrating blacks. She later apologized for that statement, but the theme was picked up by Arnold Auguste, publisher of the weekly newspaper *Share* and several of his columnists.

At the same time, a Coalition to Stop *Show Boat* was formed. Among its members are prominent black activists and performers, including Angela Lee of Black Artists in Action and Lennox Farrell, co-chair of Ontario's Anti-Racism Advisory Working Group.

Irving Abella, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, and Gerda Frieberg, chair of the Congress' Ontario region, have condemned the anti-Semitism inherent in linking the show's Jewish writers and producers to its portrayal of blacks.

Said Freiberg: "We recognize that Livent [the company headed by Garth Drabinsky that is producing *Show Boat*] is sincere in its intentions to stage *Show Boat* with sensitivity, responsibility and the highest production standards. We also respect and understand the genuine concerns of the black community and continue to listen to those concerns. We decry those voices of discord who in opposing *Show Boat* have chosen to scapegoat the Jewish community, and we will continue vigorously to counter them."

For their part, those who want *Show Boat* cancelled or, at the very least, substantially revised, claim the musical demeans blacks by casting them in a subservient role and reinforces harmful stereotypes.

The Canadian Council for Reform Judaism has expressed "profound disappointment" with the choice of *Show Boat* to open the arts centre because it denigrates blacks. "We probably represent a minority position in the Jewish community," president Austin Beutel said.

The council is not advocating a boycott of *Show Boat*, Beutel said, but is opposed to any Jewish group or agency supporting it by means of a fund-raising evening.

The United Way and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind have decided to go ahead with sponsorship of a *Show Boat* evening which they hope will raise $100,000 for the two agencies.

Nineteen of the 22 members of the United Way's Black and Caribbean Fundraising Committee resigned in protest.

Two members of the black community, Manny Dick, principal of Monarch Park Collegiate in Toronto, and Courtney Doldron, a teacher at Monsignor Percy Johnson, a Catholic high school in Etobicoke, are among those helping to prepare educational kits to be read by teachers and students prior to seeing *Show Boat*. The kits will include a 20-minute video.

Dick, a former United Way board member, said the agency's decision to go ahead with the fundraising project "is one that I can live with. It's quite clear that *Show Boat* will go forward.

"If certain people in the black community want to demonstrate against the play, I have no problem with that."

Doldron said the kits will be made available to adults on request as well and that it is hoped they will be ready by mid-August in time for the opening of school.

He is now reading the book by Edna Ferber on which *Show Boat* is based. "The book itself is a bad book. It stereotypes blacks, I can't deny that. But the play is entirely different from the book. The producers are committed to changing some of the offensive language and there is no reason to doubt that. There is objection to using the word 'nigger' but they have decided not to use that word, so I can't see the problem."

He said he regretted that the mainstream media have seen fit to "sensationalize" the story.

There are no changes which could be made in *Show Boat* to make it acceptable to the black community "at this point," Auguste told *The CJN*.

Auguste said his community is greatly upset because the Jewish community, a traditional ally, did not object when *Show Boat* was chosen to open the North York Arts Centre.

He pointed out that producer Drabinsky, North York Mayor Mel Lastman and the show's writers are all Jewish.

The *Share* publisher said the book by Ferber is the source of complaints by blacks about *Show Boat*. "It is written in a negative condescending manner. The black characters are peripheral to the story."

This is also the complaint of Lee, head of Black Artists in Action, who claims that *Show Boat* sanitizes the role of black workers along the Mississippi so that white people will be comfortable in watching the play.

A 1988 recording of *Show Boat* retains a line which demonstrates the kind of offence the original script can give. "What kind of coon song do you call that?" a character asks, referring to one of the most famous songs in the show, *Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man of Mine*.

Carol Tator, chair of the national social action committee of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism and a former executive director of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, said the "racial stereotyping" of blacks in *Show Boat* is so serious that Jews should be among the first to protest.

Since the North York Arts Centre is publicly funded, it is "socially irresponsible" to open it with a play that mocks the black citizens of North York. The issues involved are so important, Tator said, that the decision to stage *Show Boat* should be reconsidered.

B'nai Brith's Wolfe said he empathizes with the black hostility to *Show Boat* and that blacks have a right to protest, under the law, just as Jews have the right to protest against the actions of Ernst Zundel.

There are three emerging "crises" in the situation, Wolfe said, the first being between the producers of *Show Boat* and those opposed to it, the second between the black community and the Jewish community, and the third between the black community and the white community. "I'm hearing white people complain that they don't want to be told what they can see and do."

There is no reason for *Share* to blame the Jewish community for *Show Boat*, said Congress's Lenkinski.

In his opinion the black community has every right to protest the portrayal of blacks in the show, but he suggested that it follow the example of the Jewish community's protest over the staging of Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* at Stratford in 1989. Instead of calling for a ban on the play, Congress arranged for the historical relevance of the Shylock character to be explained to students by qualified teachers and for students going to see the play to be old enough to understand the context.

Any Jewish organization planning a fundraising affair in connection with *Show Boat* has the right to go ahead without hindrance, in the same way as United Way and CNIB, Lenkinski said.

Although she turned down the offer to play the role of Queenie, the cook, noted black performer Salome Bey said *Show Boat* should go on. "It's not the Jewish community producing *Show Boat*," she said. "It's a play. I don't want to see ourselves that way. But the script's not written, the stereotypes won't be there. It has to be worked out. This has got to end.

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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

ORFUS — BALTMAN

Sid Orfus of Don Mills, Ont., is embarked on genealogical research of his forebears Orfus and Baltman.

Orfus sounds to me to be an emasculated version of an East European name like Orawczyk, for example. It needs research to trace the original name before its transformation.

Baltman is easier. Given that the Baltmans emigrated from Lagowa in Poland, both Lacowa and Baltow are in East Poland not far from the city of Radom.

There is a Balta in Moldavia, which had a considerable Jewish population but that's quite a distance from Lagowa.

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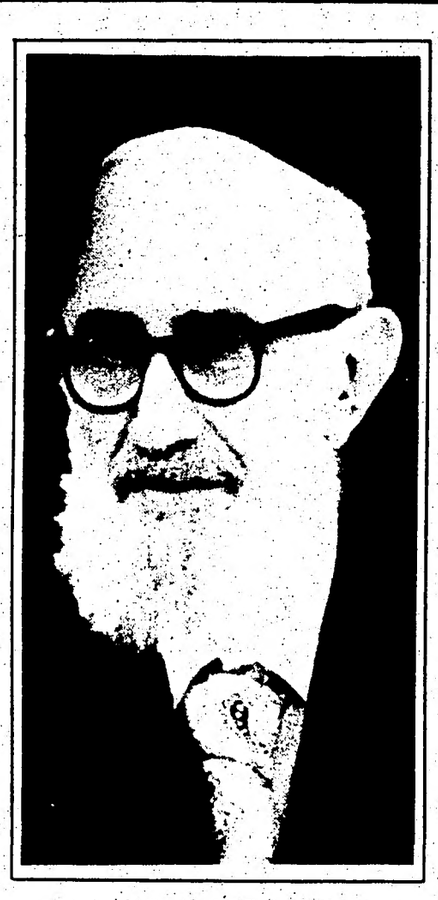

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Bagel boom hits Victoria

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — Montreal, Toronto, move over! Victoria is experiencing . . . surprise . . . a bagel boom!

Bagel bakeries have become such a major business here that the *Times-Colonist* newspaper announced the boom on the lead page of its business section: "Victoria's bagel business burgeoning."

"Bagels seem to be everywhere," said the newspaper story. "They're in local supermarkets, restaurants, delicatessens and bakeries."

The CJN reported on the phenomenon of a bagel bakery in this city noted more for crumpets and scones on Jan. 4, 1990. Bagels were brought here by native-born Colin Gareau, who after graduating from McGill University in Montreal, came home and established the first in a chain of Benny's Bagels.

Benny's now produces about 3,000 dozen bagels a week to supply its retail outlets here plus one in the Kitsilano district of Vancouver.

Benny's had the bagel business to itself for almost 10 years but in recent months two new bakeries have opened. In suburban Esquimalt, Three Men In a Bagel Ltd. is operated by the Youson family: father George, son Mike and grandson Adam, helped along by George's wife. Mike is the trained baker of the family, a graduate of Camosun College baking course who used to work for Benny's.

Three Men claims to turn out 2,000 dozen a night to supply its customers from Victoria north to Qualicum, including the big Thrifty Foods chain. Soon the firm will cross over to the Vancouver area to service 13 IGA stores.

The newest bagel bakery in town is named Mount Royal, started logically enough by two former Montrealers, Mark Workman and Elliott Silverman. Mount Royal turns out about 250 dozen bagels a day, using a recipe Silverman managed to extract from a friend in Montreal who is a bagel baker. Workman and Silverman plan to add a deli, featuring real smoked Montreal meat and they are experimenting with rye bread recipes for the smoked meat. "A smoked meat sandwich just wouldn't taste the same without the proper rye bread," said Silverman.

Recipe from Montreal

Three Men figures bagels are growing in popularity because they're "a health food, made with only flour, water, malt, yeast and salt." And out here on the West Coast, health foods have long been the rage.

Three Men makes bagels in 17 different flavors including blueberry, pineapple, chocolate chip, onion and whole wheat. Benny's has 15 varieties including pumpernickel, sesame and poppy seed. Mount Royal sticks to plain, sesame and poppy seed but plans to add whole wheat for the natural food fans.

A mark of the popularity of bagels is that they're very much in evidence at Eaton's restaurant, a favored eating place for the locals as well as tourists. A bagel and cream cheese with soup is popular for lunch, reports Eaton's, and at teatime, bagels are slowly beginning to replace crumpets as accompaniments for the fruit plate. It was surprising to note the other day a veddy, veddy tweedy English type eating the bagel-fruit salad plate — with tea, of course.

At one of the Thrifty stores, the bakery manager reports he has a hard time keeping the bin of bagels full because the demand is so great. At one time, Thirfty's used to import packaged bagels from Richmond, a Vancouver suburb.

Although there is plenty of British Columbia smoked salmon here, it doesn't seem to have caught on yet as part of a bagel-cream cheese dish. But then, who would have expected bagels to catch on in this town which is promoted as "a little bit of old England."

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Canada

BBW/C calls for new rules to determine refugee status

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Domestic violence, rape and other forms of sexual abuse should be considered grounds for claiming refugee status in Canada by women whose own governments do not guarantee their protection, says a B'nai Brith Women of Canada (BBW/C) resolution which will be presented to delegates at its national convention here this month.

The organization believes that Immigration Canada should establish "clearer guidelines aimed at promoting a more consistent approach in the handling of refugee claims by women." The resolution recognizes "gender-based persecution" against women, and applauds Canada for taking "the first steps" toward addressing this issue.

BBW/C is also supporting proposed federal anti-stalking legislation, which would make this form of harassment a criminal activity. BBW/C suggests that the definition of threats of this nature include psychological, as well as physical, harm and that penalties for uttering such threats be increased from five to 10 years.

BBW/C believes an anti-stalking law should be additional to laws against breaking restraining orders. Usually it is women who are bothered in this way by ex-husbands or boyfriends.

Stalking is generally defined as following or contacting a person repeatedly despite being told to stop.

Tougher gun control is the subject of another resolution that will be voted on at the biennial convention May 14-16 at the Airport Hilton Hotel. BBW/C thinks Bill C-17 does not adequately restrict acquisition and usage of handguns.

A resolution on anti-Semitism calls for Canada to bar persons who want to spread racist propaganda from entering the country, and for Germany to ban all groups that advocate racism.

Arlene Fagan of Montreal will be installed as new national president for a two-year term, succeeding Gloria Levitt of Toronto. BBW/C, a constitutionally separate group from B'nai Brith Canada, has about 3,000 members in 52 chapters from Montreal to Winnipeg.

Arlene Fagan

Fagan (nee Grossbaum) is married to Gerald, a steel company executive, and they have three children and three grandchildren.

Fagan, a Quebec City native and former medical secretary, began her association with BBW/C 35 years ago as a member, and later president, of Davis chapter.

Her goals include strengthening the organization's work on behalf of the family and children, as well as issues affecting women. Specifically, she would like to see Montreal sponsor an apartment where battered women and their children can live temporarily, as has been done for many years in Toronto.

Fagan said BBW/C is not a feminist organization, but is concerned with many feminist issues. "We are a flexible organization that changes with the times to meet the needs of our members."

In an effort to attract younger, working women, BBW/C has changed its focus dramatically over the years, she said, becoming more involved in current affairs, often coalescing with other women's organizations, and personal concerns like health and leadership training. For instance, this is the first time a convention has been held on a weekend to accommodate working women.

Chapters are also being formed along specific interest, such as those for Hebrew-speaking or single women, or mother-and-daughter groups.

At the same time, Fagan believes the organization should not forget its tradition of community service or its Jewish foundation.

BBW/C has sponsored a number of programs on intermarriage recently, and will once again hold a "Jewish experience" weekend for women interested in knowing more about their religious roots, near Kingston this fall.

The organization will embark on a major internal fundraising campaign for the Residential Treatment Centre it supports in Israel. Now 50 years old, the centre treats emotionally disturbed children and youth.

Montrealer fights memories to return to Polish town

MONTREAL — Stepping inside the home of his maternal grandfather in the little Polish town of Goniedz, Mitchell Brownstein felt he had stepped back in time. People there still travel by horse-and-buggy and draw water from a well.

The 32-year-old lawyer and Cote St. Luc city councillor found other things had remain unchanged. Some of the townspeople harbor a deep suspicion of Jews.

"While some were friendly, others said we had no right to be there and warned the people now living in the house that we would try to reclaim the property," Brownstein said.

Some in Goniedz remembered well the night in 1942 when the 1,000 Jews in the town were collected in a square and murdered.

Browstein, his wife Elaine, 29, mother Irma Kredentcer and in-laws Eddy and Miriam Yagodzinsky, as well as his cousin Judith Cooper of England, were among 165 Canadian Jewish Congress delegates to Poland. The trip commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Eddy, a 72-year-old retired clothing manufacturer, once lived in the Warsaw ghetto, from which he escaped a couple of weeks into the rebellion.

"I never intended to go back to Poland," he said. "I lost all my family there and when through a lot. Returning brought back a lot of painful memories, but I have no regrets. It's like visiting the graves of loved ones."

He decided to go when he learned the Jewish resistance fighter who saved his life, David Landau, would be there. Landau discovered the almost dead Yagodzinsky under the rubble of a bombed building, and nursed him back to health in the final months of the war. The two men had not seen each other in 47 years.

His daughter and son-in-law were eager to see firsthand the places where Jews had lived and died. "Eddy had talked to us a little about what he had experienced, but it was mostly bits and pieces," said Brownstein. "During this trip, he told us his story in a detail he had never done before."

Eddy took them through what remains of the ghetto, pointing out where he and his brother hid like stalked animals.

The family also visited the town of Shedlice, which had a much smaller ghetto. Eddy was smuggled there along with his mother in 1943 for surgery on his leg. Still standing is the hospital from which he watched helplessly, unable to walk, as the town's 17,000 Jews — including his mother — were liquidated. His father died in the Majdanek camp.

He escaped Shedlice by jumping out a back window of the hospital and was rescued a few days later by a cousin. With nowhere to go, he returned to the Warsaw ghetto, where the uprising would break out a few months later.

He later passed as a non-Jew with false Polish papers and worked in a labor camp as a tailor, but fled again when his true identity was suspected. He took part in a Polish uprising in 1944 on the Warsaw streets.

Yagodzinsky found the Poles' feelings toward Jews are still negative.

"From the moment we stepped off the plane, you could see it in their eyes as if to say 'why did you come, you're not wanted here.' Certainly, I heard no words of regret about what happened."

As emotionally draining as he found the trip, Brownstein has come back feeling he must do what he can to preserve the memory of the Holocaust and the courage of those who survived it. He has proposed renaming a street in Cote St. Luc, off Korczak Crescent, in honor of Mordecai Anielewicz, leader of the Warsaw ghetto fighters.

"Going to Poland today is almost like science fiction. Here is a country where 3 million Jews lived and where many held important positions in business, the professions, even government — some were on city councils just like me — and now there is no sign of Jewish life.

"You see synagogues, but there is no one in them. It's very strange. It's like visiting New York state 50 years from now, and finding no Jews."

Brownstein urges all younger Jews to visit Poland, no matter how distasteful the prospect may be, and try to gain a feeling for what their parents and grandparents lived through. He plans to bring his 2-year-old son to Poland as soon as he is old enough to understand.

Brownstein also understood for the first time the necessity of appreciating life.

"When we were in Israel, the happiest people in the group were the survivors," he said. "On Yom Ha'atzmaut, they partied longer than anybody, all through the night. Somehow, they were able to not only continue but to enjoy life." — J.A.

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Holocaust museum a 'journey into darkness'

By GERRY MORRIS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Prominently situated within sight of the Washington and Jefferson Monuments and just off the National Mall is the new Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The dramatic five-storey, 265,000-sq.ft. limestone and brick building is radically different from the calm neoclassicism of other structures in the nation's memorial corridor. Two rows of four towers march along one side of the building, reminiscent of the watchtowers of a concentration camp, with a six-sided hall in the forecourt that is very much like a synagogue in form and tone.

The somber, silent memorial was designed to be the world's preeminent educational institution on the Holocaust.

The remarkable work of architect James Ingo Freed, of the firm Pei, Cobb, Freed & Partners, has been hailed by critics. Challenging the Washington skyline, it stands on 1.7 acres donated by the federal government. The $168 million required to build and equip it was raised through a national campaign.

"This is an American museum for the American people," said Harvey Meyerhoff, chair of the U.S. Holocaust Council and a $6-million contributor, at a press briefing. "It may prove to be more, but it must never be anything less. It will teach all Americans about a chapter of history that many know little about and some refuse to believe."

"People will be upset and disturbed with what they have seen," said museum director Jeshajohu (Shaike) Weinberg. "That is good. It should be disturbing. The Holocaust was a rather disturbing event."

The heart and soul of this extraordinary museum, its permanent exhibition, occupies three floors, and guides visitors through three stages of Hitler's war against the Jews: isolation, deportation and extermination.

"This is the last opportunity we had as a people to embrace the experience of those who went through this," said Ralph Applebaum, who designed the permanent exhibit. "As survivor numbers dwindle, and a generation passes, it would be a much different institution if it were built 20 years from now."

The museum's gathering place, The Hall of Witness, is a brooding atrium designed to prepare visitors for the disquieting journey ahead. Its focal point is a staircase ascending to an archway resembling the gates of Birkenau. The twisted skylight, diagonal crack in the grey stone floor, skewed angles, arches out of line all signal the rupture of civilization.

What personalizes the exhibit is an identity card given to each visitor upon beginning the tour. The cards bear the name and family history of an individual victim of the Holocaust, a person of the same age and gender as the visitor. During the exhibition the card is updated at computer terminals so at the end one learns the fate of his or her "companion."

The journey into darkness commences as the steel elevator doors close and the recorded voice of a U.S. Army liberator describes the horror of entering a concentration camp, while a video monitor runs footage of the liberation. Entering the 4th floor, the visitor passes through a series of exhibits, photographs, documents, and audio-visual displays that trace the rise of Nazism. The book burnings of 1933; the 1935 Nuremberg Laws, isolating Jews from German society; and the bloody 1938 rampage of Kristallnacht. Clearly documented is the callousness of the world's unwillingness to help the doomed victims find sanctuary.

The museum's 3rd floor details the Holocaust itself from 1939-45. Here the visitor will come face-to-face with Hitler's policy of genocide — The Final Solution. Even in this living hell one encounters the heroism of partisans, the bravery of ghetto fighters, and rescuers who risked all to save Jews.

Major artifacts include a railroad box car from one of the death trains used to transport Jews from the Warsaw ghetto to Treblinka; a portion of the women's barracks from Auschwitz; a metal casting of the most infamous sign in Europe, "Arbeit Macht Frei," which taunted the prisoners of Auschwitz with the promise that work would make them free.

More graphic exhibits are located behind "privacy walls" too high for children to look over (the permanent exhibit is not recommended for children under 11). Thousands of other artifacts include a Danish rescue boat that ferried hundreds of Jews and resistance fighters to safety in neutral Sweden. From all over the world people donated meaningful items.

Glass-walled pedestrian bridges are etched with the names of victims and communities obliterated by the Nazis. The second floor covers 1945 to the present. There are eye witness testimonials of survivors, newsreels of liberating Allied forces, the Nuremberg Trials and the exodus to Israel.

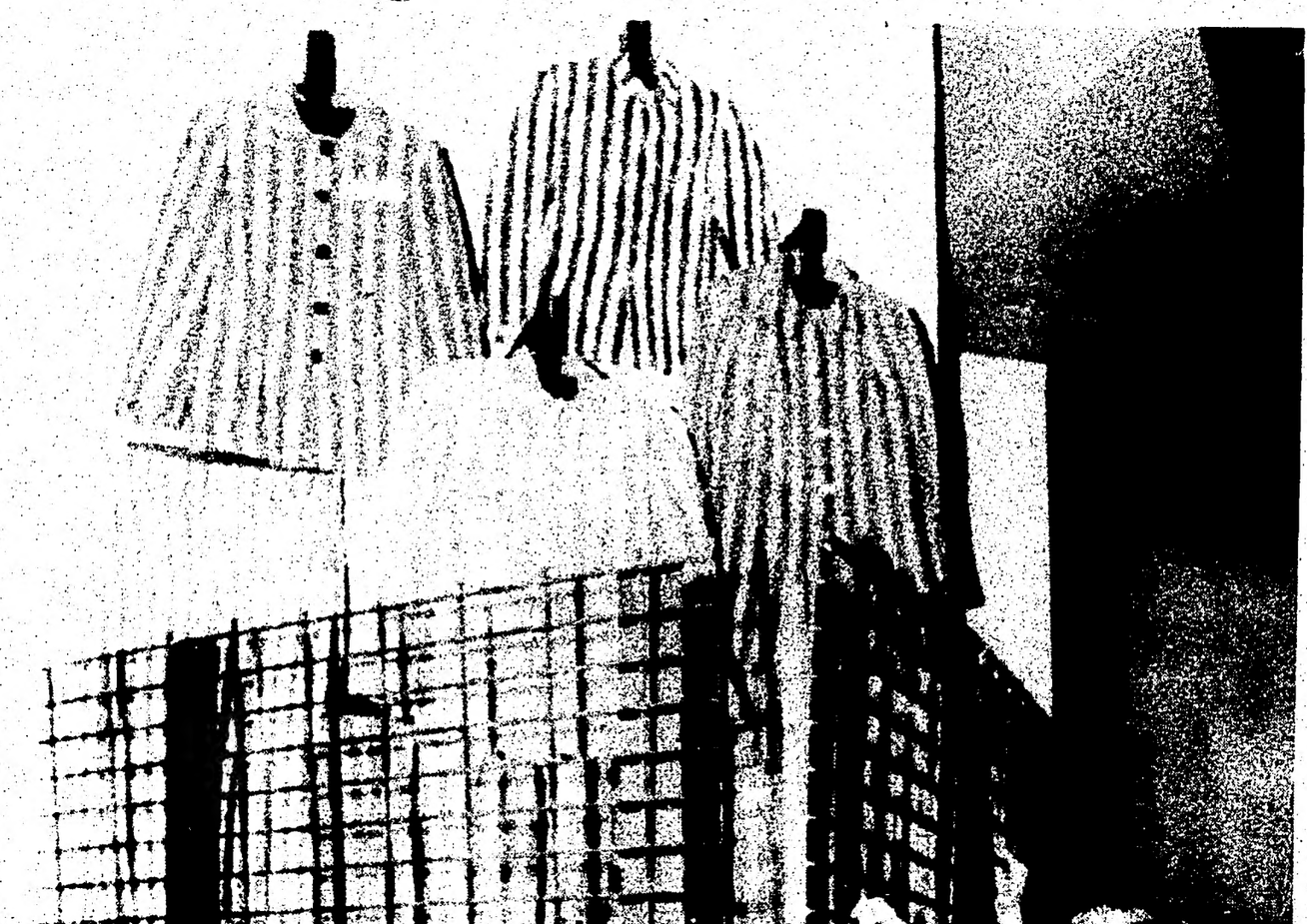
The Children's Wall of Remembrance memorializes the 1.5 million children who perished. It contains over 3,300 colorful ceramic tiles, each handpainted by an American school child, expressing his or her response to learning about the Holocaust. A special installation entitled Remember The Children: Daniel's Story, is aimed at those between the ages of eight and 13.

On the 5th floor is an outstanding research centre with a 17,000-volume library, archival collections and a film theatre. On the concourse level are classrooms, administrative offices, meeting rooms, two auditoriums and a 10,000-sq.ft. conference centre. Educational programs for school groups and public programming for adult visitors will begin in September. As many as one million visitors are anticipated during the first year of operation.

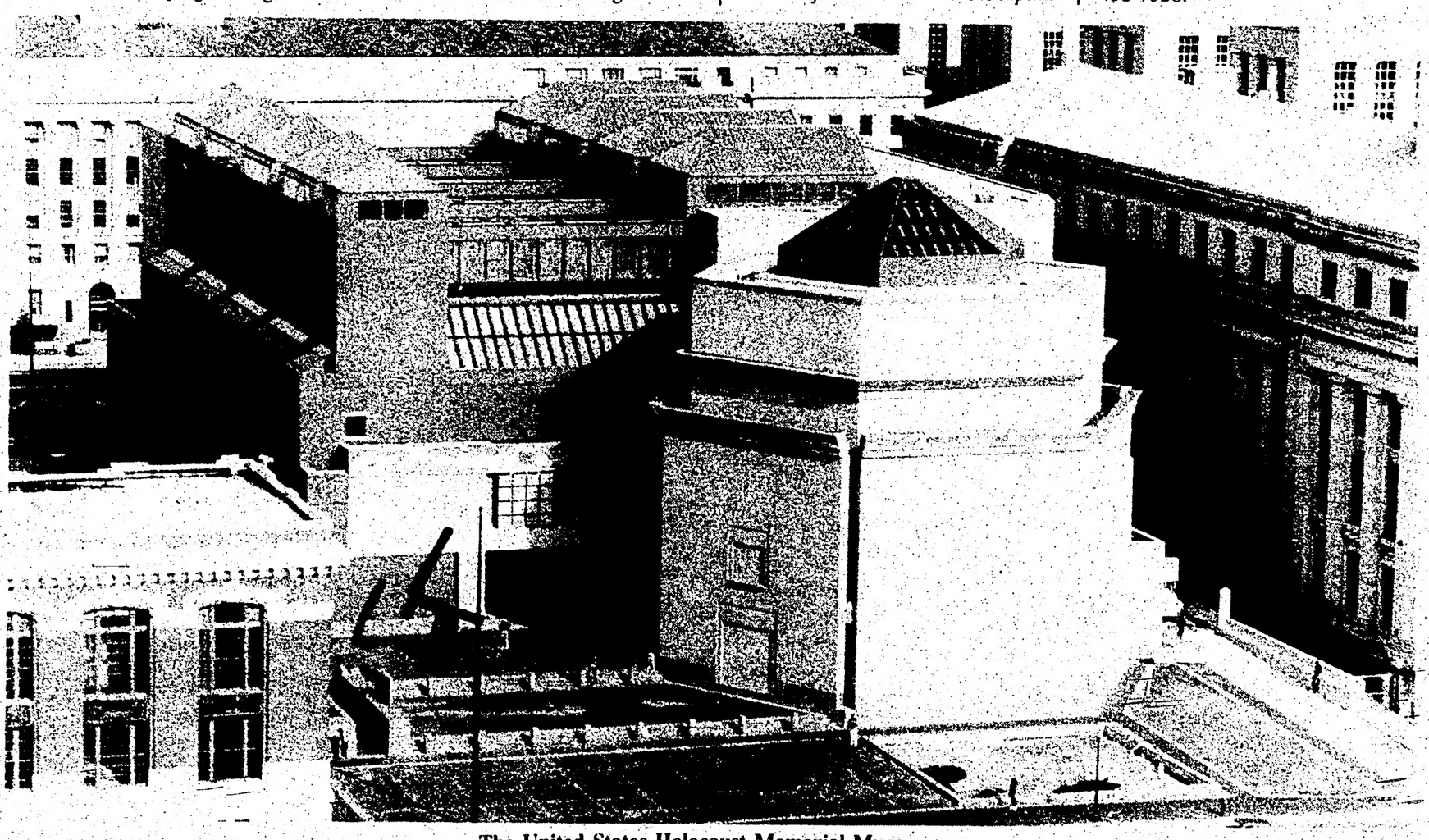
At the end of the harrowing exhibition one enters the domed 60-foot high Hall of Remembrance. A skylit perimeter walkway provides niches for lighted memorial candles, giving the hall the feeling of a chapel. On one wall is a quotation from Deuteronomy, "Lest you forget the things your eyes saw." The six-sided chamber represents the six million dead and the six pointed Star of David.

The story of the Holocaust has been told many times, but never in such a way. The underlying message is for vigilance against man's unrelenting inhumanity to man. The museum also documents the grim consequences of indifference on the part of state and religious leaders, as well as individual bystanders, wherever evil exists.

On April 22nd, Nobel Laureate and Auschwitz survivor Elie Wiesel addressed a crowd of 10,000 gathered under blankets and blowing umbrellas in an outdoor dedication. In a voice edged with passion and pain, Weisel reminded the crowd that hard questions lead to hard truths. "Why is it that man's silence was matched by God's? There are no answers, and this museum is not an answer. It is a question mark." *The Holocaust Memorial Museum is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for admission but tickets must be obtained in advance. A limited number of same day tickets are available at the Museum. Groups of more than 10 should contact the museum scheduler at (202) 488-0400. Advance single reservations can also be made for a $3.50 service charge by calling Ticket Master at (202) 432-7328.*



Authenticity: An iron fence is placed around concentration camp uniforms at an exhibit at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. [RNS Photo/Reuters]



The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

UIA project Massau devoted solely to Holocaust education

By REUVEN ROSENFELDER

JERUSALEM — Among the various projects supported by the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada, Massua stands out as a different kind of project. It is a unique institution, devoted entirely to Holocaust education.

At a time when Holocaust-deniers like David Irving are actively seeking to spread anti-Semitic hatred and neo-Nazism is on the rise, this activity assumes new importance. There is a greater incentive to learn.

A busy live-in facility, Massua accomodates some 200 youngsters every week, who come for two-or-three day seminars, designed not so much to impart to them knowledge and information, as to expand their own thinking and struggling with the most terrible occurence in Jewish history.

Established 20 years ago at Kibbutz Tel Yitzhak near Netanya, in the centre of Israel, Massua received a boost a few years ago through UIA of Canada support, which made possible the construction of three new buildings at the site: a 350-seat auditorium; a library and pedagogical centre; a classroom and office building.

Alex Grossman of Toronto is a generous benefactor of Massua. The late Walter Hess, executive vice-president of UIA Canada, devoted time and efforts to its development. UIA has given Massua significant assistance and guidance in its on-going operations. Canadian groups attend Massua seminars.

It seems that with each passing year, Holocaust education is assuming greater significance. In the years after World War II, there was a sense of numbness and suppression. In Israel, memorial ceremonies on Yom Hashoah assumed a distant formality which, to a degree, still characterizes them. A stereotype image spread about the Jews being taken to their death "like sheep to the slaughter". It stood in stark contrast to the fighting spirit of the emerging, independent Jewish state.

Paradoxically, with the passing of time, the Holocaust becomes less distant from an educational point of view. There is a need to understand, to confront, to come to grips with it. Much greater information is available. The challenge is to develop the educational framework, methods and tools to work with the young people of today.

The range of Massua activities, and the demand for its services, is impressive. Due to Canadian support, Massua today has an attractive physical facility, including dorms and dining room, which enables it to offer away-from-home seminars. This in itself is a message, says Aya Ben-Naftali, the educational director. It means a break from the delay routine, to deal with a subject (from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) that is far, from the routine.

In addition, Massua is involved in teacher training, in the preparation and packaging of educational programs on the Holocaust, and in researching defined subjects in order to produce specialized programs.

Thus, Israel's ministry of education turned to Massua to prepare a program on the Jews of Saloniki, Greece, who perished in Auschwitz.

In conjunction with the Joint Distribution Committee, Massua is working on an 11-unit program for teachers in the CIS (former Soviet Union), where the study of Jewish subjects is spreading rapidly in the previously suppressed Jewish population.

Massua has been approached with a suggestion to revamp the traditional Yom Hashoah ceremony in Israeli schools. They will be looking at greater student involvement in study-centres for the day and the selection of a leading theme.

Programs consist of a selection of texts, videos, workshop outlines and similar techniques. At the pedagogical centre, a project is underway to input into the computer and and cross-reference all existing Holocaust educational programs.

Massua's long-time director is Menachem Wirt, who was instrumental in obtaining the Canadian support. The educational staff of about a dozen members, headed by Ben-Naftali, is a group of trained facilitators, mostly teachers with a knowledge of contemporary history. The emphasis in their work is to touch upon universal values and to explore the relevance of the Shoah experience to our lives today. To achieve such lofty goals, they utilize a variety of facilitating techniques such as role playing, in which the students must make their own choices in simulated conditions.

Because of the complexity of the Holocaust, the staff must take into account the differences in student populations. They work with Israelis as well as Jewish groups from several countries, and even non-Jews. Israelis, shaped by the Israeli experience, are different from Canadian Jews. A youngster from a prestige school in Tel Aviv differs from his counterpart in a development town, or an Ethiopian in a "Youth Aliyah" village.

For some groups, a 60 percent subsidy is offered to cover the seminar fees. Ways must be found to work with them all. Once they become involved, interesting things come out — such as the Ethiopians' ability to emphathize with ghetto experience. They, too, have suffered deprivation, famine and family break-ups.

Massua's basic seminar consists of four study units: the Jewish world before the war (what is it that was lost); the perpetrator (the SS man, where is the red line in obeying orders); life in the ghetto and the struggle for survival (tough dilemmas in harsh conditions); those who stood by the sidelines (a painful topic in itself). Around these units, the facilitators aim to create discussion among the students.

What they have found is a desire to know more. "They no longer judge," says one facilitator. "They say,' We cannot judge.' If they came here with pre-set ideas, they now have doubts and questions. They realize they don't know enough. That's our achievement."

Hadassah Kantor with Yonat Keller, an educational facilitator at Massua.

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Two children, one Ethiopian, the other Russian, at the Kfar Gvirol Day Care Centre. [Reuven Rosenfelder photo]

Day care centre gets top honors

JERUSALEM — The day-care centre at Kfar Gvirol has been named its best in the country by WIZO, Israel's widely known and respected women's organization.

WIZO operates a national network of day-care centres and kindergartens. Kfar Gvirol, for children up to 5, is one of them.

Kfar Gvirol, a neighborhood within the city of Rehovot, is twinned with Toronto in Project Renewal. The day-care centre, dedicated in 1988, is located next to the community centre, renovated with Project Renewal funds.

From the beginning, the approach to Kfar Gvirol reflected a striving for excellence. A top-level Israeli architect was engaged. He worked in co-operation with Toronto's Project Renewal Committee, which includes architect Alan Brown. The result was a distinctly designed, harmonious building filled with light and air, surrounded by separate playgrounds for each of the five classrooms. The cheerful rooms were designed to meet the functional needs of each age-group.

Many Ethiopian Jews live near Rehovot and their children are integrated in the centre's classrooms. Ethiopian, Russian and "regular" Israeli toddlers join together to create one group.

Laura Kindler, Toronto's Project Renewal representative in Israel, credits the centre's director, Ayala Avimelech, with the high standards achieved. "This has become an example of what a successful centre can be," said Kindler. She pointed to the centre's emphasis on building maintenance and cleanliness of the grounds, a favorable ratio of children to staff, enrichment activities like music and dance, and extensive involvement on the part of parents.

"[The parents] wanted to do their share. They contributed heaters, cassette tape recorders and such. People care about this place," said Kindler.

There are 150 children at the centre now. The place is active from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Three meals a day are prepared. There is time for sleeping, along with all other activities. In this, Kfar Gvirol is not different from other centres. But in the quality of the facility and operations, it is a model for excellence.

Murder, bombing link rejected by police

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Police in Pittsburgh say there is no link between the 1986 murder there of Rabbi Neil Rosenblum of Toronto and the February bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York.

Recent reports linking the two events are "totally, completely, absolutely false," Commander Ron Freeman of Pittsburgh police told *The CJN* last week.

Freeman stressed, however, that police have not closed the case.

The reports, which were headlined in the Pittsburgh media, said police are waiting to question one of the men arrested in the trade centre bombing. The man was allegedly questioned immediately following the murder of Rabbi Rosenblum but was released.

Rabbi Rosenblum, a 24-year-old graduate of Ner Israel Yeshiva in Thornhill, was shot to death the night of April 17, 1986 while visiting his in-laws in Pittsburgh with his wife and month-old daughter.

He was returning from Passover synagogue services in the predominantly Jewish district of Squirrel Hill when he was stopped by two men in a car, who asked for directions. When Rabbi Rosenblum approached, he was shot five or six times in the chest, stomach and legs. He died a few hours later while undergoing emergency surgery.

Police speculated that it was a random thrill killing but conceded it may have been racially motivated. Rabbi Rosenblum was dressed in traditional Orthodox Jewish garb.

Before he lost consciousness, however, Rabbi Rosenblum identified the vehicle as a dark-colored Corvette. The car was the lone piece of evidence police had, but nothing came of it after hundreds of makes of cars were checked.

A few days after the murder, the mayor's office in Pittsburgh offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction. That sum was boosted to $30,000 by an anonymous donor or donors in Pittsburgh.

Not long after, an anonymous caller telephoned a crime tip hotline in Pittsburgh and said he would talk if the reward money was raised to $50,000.

An emergency appeal then went out to Toronto, which raised $20,000 (U.S. — $27,500 Cdn. at the time) in just over a week.

However, the anonymous caller didn't come forward and all donations were eventually returned.

Gadfly Yeshayahu Leibowitz continues to roil the waters

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

JERUSALEM — When Israel's premiere gadfly, Yeshayahu Leibowitz, was recently nominated for the Israel Prize, the nation's most prestigious, the reaction was immediate.

The minister of police, Moshe Shahal, hailed Leibowitz's selection as a tribute to Israel's "open and democratic" society. But Israel's largest daily, *Maariv*, called the nomination "another illustration of the masochism of the Jewish people," while Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared he would boycott the prize ceremony.

Upset by the commotion, Leibowitz announced he would give up the award. "I was disgusted with the brouhaha," he said in an interview. But in a reference to himself, he added, "What was decisive was that the prize was given."

Leibowitz, a 90-year-old biochemist, neurologist, philosopher and social critic, has been roiling the waters for years.

He predicts that Israel will become a fascist state if it does not withdraw from the territories.

He ridicules the "cult" of the Western Wall.

He claims that the Israeli rabbinate has greatly diminished itself by its subordination to the government.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Leibowitz immigrated to Palestine in 1936, the year he began teaching chemistry at the Hebrew University. He retired in 1970, but still teaches the philosophy of science there.

A rigorously Orthodox Jew whose head is always covered with a black yarmulke, Leibowitz, physically stooped but mentally sharp, projects an austere, no-nonsense image. He was interviewed in the cramped book-lined study of his modest apartment in central Jerusalem.

Leibowitz achieved national prominence after the 1967 Six Day War, when he launched the first of many verbal fusilades against Israel's occupation of the territories.

He believes it has corrupted Israeli society, and he cited the treatment of Palestinian prisoners as a prime example.

"Israel today is the one and only country in the civilized world where the torture of prisoners is legal," he charged, claiming the practice was sanctioned by the Landau Commission in a 1987 case related to the Shin Bet intelligence agency.

He strongly advised Israel to cease its "violent domination" over the Palestinians by agreeing to withdraw from "every square inch" of the territories.

Everything, he said, ought to be negotiable — except Israel's political independence.

The Palestinians, he observed, should abrogate their 1968 National Covenant — which calls for Israel's destruction — while Israel should renounce "the idea of Yisrael Shlema."

Only then, he noted, will there be a chance for peaceful Arab-Israeli coexistence. But can Israel trust the Arabs? "There are no certainties in politics and history."

However, he pointed out, "We have a precedent — Egypt. We had 30 years of war with Egypt. Now, for the past 14 years, we have had peace with Egypt."

Yeshayahu Leibowitz

But is it not a cold peace? "A cold peace is peace!" he shouted. "Peace is possible without mutual friendship and mutual love, and this peace persists."

Leibowitz warned that if the occupation does not end, Israel will turn into a fascist state. "It's inevitable! And there will be a war to the finish with the Arab world, with the world's sympathy entirely on the Arab side." Why? "Because we're conquerors and oppressors."

According to Leibowitz, Israel has no alternative but to negotiate with the PLO. "It's absolutely necessary, absolutely necessary. Think of South Africa. (F.W.) De Klerk released (Nelson) Mandela from prison to discuss peace. And Mandela was chief of a terrorist organization. The same goes for Charles de Gaulle, who freed (Ahmad) Ben Bella from prison to discuss peace."

He drew an analogy. "Do you think a great power, such as Canada, could maintain violent domination over Quebec? Nobody in Ottawa thinks about that possibility."

If he were premier, he would invite PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to Jerusalem to negotiate a peace treaty. He concedes that there is a lack of trust between Israel and the PLO. "Nevertheless, we'll have to coexist."

Leibowitz compared Israeli undercover soldiers in the territories to Hamas guerrillas. "They are terrorizing and we are terrorizing. But this is unavoidable. If we maintain our violent domination (of the territories), it's unavoidable that we will murder and that they will murder.

"No one of our soldiers is guilty of murder. The government is guility."

Prime Minister Rabin, he said, "understands the situation as I understand it. But it seems that he lacks courage."

He would not oppose a settlement imposed by the United States. "That would be the best thing. But it would be a paradox. Israel would be saved by the goyim from Jews..."

Leibowitz disclosed that many young soldiers seek his advice as to whether they should serve in the territories.

"My answer is: no one has a right to ask the other fellow to be a hero. To refuse to serve in the occupied areas is an act of heroism. To refuse to obey orders in an army you feel to be yours... is an act of spiritual heroism. Therefore, I say refuse."

According to his figures, approximately 1,500 soldiers, including 30 to 40 officers, have made such a decision.

He chided Israel for having missed an opportunity for peace in the early 1970s, when the then Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat, offered Israel a deal in exchange for a withdrawal from the Suez Canal. "But (Moshe) Dayan (the defence minister) declared: 'I prefer Sharm El Sheikh without peace to peace without Sharm El Sheikh.'"

The result, he said, was the Yom Kippur War, with its terrible casualties. Leibowitz blamed Dayan and the then premier, Golda Meir. "I had the honor of knowing Golda Meir personally, and she was stupid."

Comparing the Western Wall to the golden calf, he claimed that cultists have turned the wall into an "object of idolatary."

A regular synagogue goer, he suggested that the connection between church and state in Israel should be severed.

"An official religion maintained by a secular power (the government) is a prostitution of religion. It's a kept woman of the secular power."

"A Judaism recognized by a secular power is an abomination."

The rabbinate, he charged, is nothing more than "a department of the secular administration."

Leibowitz favors civil marriage in Israel, and when he was asked his opinion of the ban on public transportation during the Sabbath, he replied: "There is no Shabbat in Israel. The roads are full of cars on Shabbat."

Leibowitz, who lives with his wife, Greta, 86, was asked about the state of his health.

"I'm 90 years old," he said curtly. "That's the answer."

Youth called key to ending hatred

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — The only hope the world has of diminishing racial hatred is to reach out to the younger generation and convince them of the obscenity of hate, says one Holocaust survivor.

Dr. Peter Gary, a survivor of Maidenek, Dachau and Bergen Belsen, spoke to students at the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific at a Yom Hashoah observance.

The college, located near Victoria, promotes international understanding by accepting students from all over the world, regardless of race, religion or politics, and is part of the United World Colleges organization.

Gary, who spent four years in the camps, is somewhat despairing of the older generation of Germans who immigrated to Canada after World War II. They may have become Canadians, he told the students, but many of them harbor the same prejudices, the same hate.

"You can't change them. They are the nice anti-Semites. They really don't want to kill us. They just don't want to have anything to do with us and they want us to go away forever."

Hate is an interesting thing, Gary said. Today it can be the foreigners and Jews; tomorrow the Presbyterians and Baptists; the day after, the Kenyans, Swedes, Israelis, Russians.

"I'm a living witness and victim of the Holocaust and of hate. Open your eyes. Don't shrug off what is going on around you. It won't go away."

Gary said young neo-Nazis in Canada were often abused as children and are likely school dropouts. The neo-Nazi movement recruits them as "brothers in hate". Other young people should extend the hand of friendship to them. "Go over to them, extend a hand, say 'Hi. We like you. We want you. Don't go anywhere else. We're your friends. Don't destroy yourself by joining with the racists.'"

The students shuddered and some of the girls started to cry as Gary told them of the horrors of life in the camps. He said survivors lost all their scruples. "We survived, but died emotionally. All of us are emotionally damaged for life."

Does he hate the Germans? "You can only die with hate."

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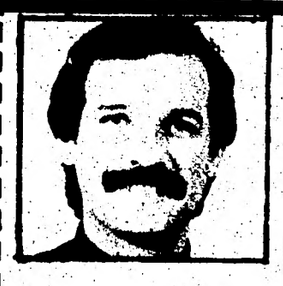

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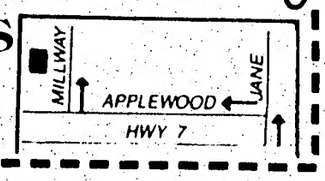

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Jewish schools opens doors in Budapest

By PAUL LUNGEN

BUDAPEST — In the years before Communism collapsed, the government of Hungary permitted the existence of a single, state-controlled Jewish school which about 60 children attended.

Under Communism, it was not popular to openly reveal one's religion and the school's attendance spoke volumes about the level of confidence the Jewish community had in its program.

But with the end of the regime and the birth of democracy, Jewish families have begun to recapture their identities. In the past three years, three schools have opened serving more than 2,000 children and community leaders point to the re-birth of Jewish education as heralding a renaissance of Jewish life.

For the first time in years, the Jewish community is able to educate its children, pass on its tradition, its culture, history and language, without the intruding heavy hand of government bureaucrats.

"Since the democratization, people are trying to recapture their Jewish roots," said George Lippner, principal of the Lauder Javne School (named for the ancient academy of Yavne).

Serving 400 students from kindergarten to Grade 9, the school is funded by the Ronald Lauder Foundation (named after the son of cosmetics guru, Estee Lauder) and has three buildings — one on the Pest side of the Danube in the city's XIII District, two on the Buda side.

The largest of the Jewish schools is funded by the Reichmann family of Toronto and serves 1,500. A third institution, the Anne Frank School, has an enrolment of about 300.

Lippner said the popularity of the Lauder school can be measured from the number of parents trying to enrol their children in the Grade 1 program. "We have two or three times as many applicants as places," he said.

The school's educational program is based on "an open classroom concept, not the talking-teacher mode.

"We approach the Jewish education from a cultural point of view," Lippner said. "Kosher food is available at lunch, we celebrate all the Jewish holidays" and parents are invited to participate along with their children.

Zionism is not part of the program though the school does describe life in Israel and the history of the state. "But we don't promote aliyah," he said.

Beginning in Grade 3, Hebrew is taught by Israeli teachers sent by the Jewish Agency.

Tamara Dosai, who manages the school on behalf of the foundation, said the Lauder group covers one-third of the school's costs. Another third is paid for by parents while the final third is borne by Hungary's Ministry of Education.

With the continuing growth in popularity of the school, plans have been drawn to relocate in a new building in the Budakeszi area of the city. The municipality has given the school a suitable piece of property while the Lauder Foundation has anted up $7 million towards construction — most of its final cost — though the school is seeking other donors, Lippner said.

The building is scheduled for completion in the autumn of 1994.

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Levy leaves program

PARIS (JTA) — Former Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy created a scandal here when he walked out of a speaking engagement organized by a Jewish student group because one of the other guests was a Palestine Liberation Organization official.

Levy, a senior member of Israel's Likud party, decided to leave the program, titled Peace in the Middle East and organized by the Union of Jewish Students in France, when he found out that Afif Safieh, the PLO's representative in London, was to appear at the same meeting.

Among the other participants were Nawaf Massalha, a member of Israel's Labor Party, who is deputy minister of health, and Knesset member Yael Dayan, also of Labor.

Levy objected to Safieh's presence and asked the Israeli Embassy in Paris to intervene and press the student union to disinvite the PLO representative.

The scene then became even more awkward and complicated.

The president of the student union, Simon Pinto, agreed to Levy's demand and Safieh was asked to leave the premises.

But Dayan, an outspoken dove who has openly met with PLO officials, saw Safieh leaving and asked the organizers to allow him back to the VIP room.

With journalists from all the main Israeli media watching, the organizers agreed to lead Safieh back into the building.

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גהאָד איצט, וען ייִדן איבער דער גאַרער וועלט האָבן אָפגעצייכנט דעם פופציקסטן יאָרטאָג פון אויפשטאַנד אין וואַרשעווער געטאָ, איז וויכטיק צו דערמאָנען דר. עמנואל רינגעלבלומען — דעם היסטאָריקער און כראָניקער פון וואַרשעווער געטאָ.

עמנואל (מנחם) רינגעלבלום איז געבוירן געוואָרן אין 1900 אין בוטשאַטש, מזרח־גאַליציע. בעת דער ערשטער וועלט־מלחמה האָט זיין משפחה זיך אַריבערגעקליבן קיין ניי־סאָנדז, אין קראָקעווער ראַיאָן. אין 1919 איז ער אָנגעקומען אויפן וואַרשעווער אוניווערסיטעט, ווו ער האָט, אונטער דער השפעה פון היסטאָריקער יצחק שיפער, זיך גע־נומען ספעציאַליזירן אין דער געשיכטע פון ייִדן אין פוילן. זיין דאָקטאָר־דיסערטאַציע, וואָס איז אַרויס אין בוך־פאָרם אין 1932, האָט געטראָגן דעם נאָמען „די געשיכטע פון ייִדן אין וואַרשע ביזן גירוש פון 1527". פינף יאָר שפעטער דערשיינט דער צווייטער באַנד פון דעם ווערק, אונטערן נאָמען „די געשיכטע פון ייִדן אין וואַרשע ביזן סוף פון 18־טן יאָרהונדערט".

מיט דער צייט בריייטערט רינגעלבלום אויס זיין פאָרש־אַרבעט אויפן געביט פון געשיכטע פון ייִדן אין פוילן. צוזאַמען מיט דר. רפאל מאַהלער פאָר־עפנטלעכט ער אַ בוך, אין ייִדיש און אין פויליש, מיטן נאָמען „מקורים צו דער געשיכטע פון ייִדן אין פוילן און מזרח־אייראָפע". במשך די אַלע יאָרן איז עמנואל רינגעלבלום געווען געצוווונגען צו פאַרדינען זיין חיונה אַלס לערער פון געשיכטע אין פוילישע מיטל־שולן. אויסער דעם איז ער אויך געווען אַריינגעטאָן אין געזעלשאַפטלעך־קולטורעלער אַרבעט פון דער לינקער פועלי־ציון באַוועגונג אין וואַרשע.

בעתן אויסברוך פון דער מלחמה אין 1939, האָט עמנואל רינגעלבלום זיך געפונען אין דער שווייץ, ווי אַ דעלעגאַט צום ציוניסטישן קאָנגרעס. ער האָט זיך אָבער גלייך אומגעקערט קיין וואַרשע, כדי צו זיין צוזאַמען מיט די ייִדן אין פוילן. אויך שפעטער, אונטער דער נאַצי־אָקופאַציע, האָט רינגעלבלום געהאַט די מעגלעכקייט זיך אַרויסצוראַטעווען פון פוילן, אָבער ער האָט עס בשום־אופן נישט געטאָן. ער איז געבליבן אין אָט דער פינצטערער צייט מיט זיינע וואַרשעווער ייִדן, זיך אַריינגעוואָרפן אין דער אַרבעט פון אַרגאַניזירן די סאָציאַלע אַליינהילף אין געטאָ.

אין דער זעלבער צייט האָט רינגעלבלום געשאַפן די „עונג־שבת" גרופעס — טוער פון פאַרשיידענע פאַרטייען און אָרגאַניזאַציעס, וואָס האָבן זיך געשטעלט פאַר אַ ציל צו פאַרציכענען און דאָקומענטירן די אומגעהויערע ליידן און די מאָרטיראָלאָגיע פון די יידישע מאַסן אין וואַרשע און אַנדערע געטאָס אין פוילן. רינגעלבלום און זיינע מיטאַרבעטער האָבן געגרונדעט די מאַטעריאַלן, כדי צו אינפאָרמירן די יידישע און אַלגעמיינע עפנטלעכ־קייט אין דער וועלט וועגן די נאַצישע גרויל־טאַטן אין פוילן בכלל און אין וואַרשע בפרט.

נאָך דעם אויפשטאַנד און דער ליקווידאַציע פון וואַרשעווער געטאָ געלינגט רינגעלבלומען מיט זיין פרוי און זונעלע זיך אויסצוהאַלטן, צוזאַמען מיט נאָך דרייסיק ייִדן, אין אַ בונקער אויף דער פוילישער זייט. דעם 7־טן מערץ, 1944, ווערן זיי אַנטדעקט און אָפּגעפירט אין פאַוויאַק, ווו מען האָט זיי אַלעמען דערמאָרדעט.

נאָך פאַרן פאַרלאָזן דעם געטאָ האָבן רינגעלבלום און זיינע מיטהעלפערס באַווייזן צו באַגראָבן דעם אָנגעזאַמלטן אַרכיוו אויף דריי פלעצער. נאָך דער מלחמה האָט מען געפונען נאָר צווויי פון זיי, באַגראָבן אונטער אַ הויז אויף נאָוואָליפקע 68.

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Gay, lesbian shul to join in Israel salute

NEW YORK (JTA) — A compromise solution has been reached between groups involved in the local Salute to Israel parade that will permit New York's gay and lesbian synagogue to march with members of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) under a banner containing both their names.

The banner, held aloft by members of both groups during the May 9 parade down Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, will read "ARZA is proud to join with Congregation Beth Simchat Torah in saluting Israel."

"We look forward to joining the entire Jewish community, including our Orthodox brothers and sisters, in saluting the State of Israel," said Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, spiritual leader of the gay and lesbian synagogue.

"We are eager to turn the focus back to the point of the parade. I'm delighted we've reached a compromise," she said.

The announcement was made by New York City Mayor David Dinkins at a reception two weeks ago in honor of the 45th anniversary of Israel's independence.

He told the gathered members of the Jewish community that he is "pleased to learn that a positive resolution has been achieved that will allow full participation in the Salute to Isreael parade of all who support the State of Israel."

Dinkins went on to say that he would march at the head of the parade, something to which he had not committed pending resolution of the conflict between participants.

The invitation to the gay and lesbian synagogue was extended by ARZA just before Passover, shortly after the synagogue rejected an offer by the organizers of the parade to march as a group, but without any banner at all.

The offer to march as a group but without a banner was the second made by the American Zionist Youth Foundation (AZYF), which co-ordinates the parade, during several weeks of negotiations between Orthodox partricipants and the synagogue.

Some Orthodox groups, most notably the Orthodox day schools, had threatened to pull out of the parade if the gay and lesbian group were allowed to march as a congregation. The new compromise has apparently been accepted.

A majority of the groups participating in the annual parade are Orthodox, said Rabbi Joseph Sternstein, chair of AZYF, in an interview before Pesach.

Rabbi Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, who had reportedly been opposed to the synagogue's participation in the parade, as well as representatives of the Association of Yeshivas and Day Schools, did not return telephone calls seeking comment.

Rabbi Abraham Hecht, head of the Rabbinical Council of the Jewish Syrian Community of America, also did not return phone calls.

Rabbi Hecht had registered his opposition to the gay synagogue's participation in an April 14 letter to Sam Domb, the parade's grand marshal.

"For the sake of Israel, we insist that you do not allow them to participate," he wrote. "The advocacy of their lifestyle arrogantly displayed publicly alongside recognized traditional organizations will give them legitimacy which they do not deserve."

In that letter, Rabbi Hecht wrote that his organization had advised all of its constituent agencies, synagogues, yeshivas and centres not to participate in the parade if the gay and lesbian synagogue were permitted to march under its banner.

Representatives of a range of Jewish groups, including the Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform movements and the American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress, had publicly supported the gay and lesbian synagogue's right to participate in the Zionist parade.

Rabbi Kleinbaum said it was not yet clear how many members of her congregation will be participating in the celebration, since they have been so busy trying to resolve the conflict they have not had time to organize their contingent.

When asked if she expects that her congregants will be harassed by other parade marchers or spectators, she said, "We hope that the Jewish community will transcend these differences to salute Israel.

"I can't focus on the possibility of being harassed at the parade. I've learned from my history as a Jew that there will always be people who hate us, but that we can't let those people define who we are or what we do."

African-American leader calls on Jews to fight racism

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Blacks and Jews must work together not only on the national level, but on the grass-roots level, as well, African-American leader Eleanor Holmes Norton told a group of Jewish activists here last week.

Only in this way can racism and anti-Semitism be overcome and the civil rights coalition of the 1960s be restored, said Holmes, a Democrat who is the House of Representatives delegate for the District of Columbia.

While the civil rights coalition is "alive and well at the top," Norton said, African Americans and Jews must work to "help rebuild" the coalition "from the bottom up."

Norton noted that Jews and blacks had worked together on civil rights legislation in 1991, but she warned that "anti-Semites have seized the initiative from us" on the grass-roots level, including on some college campuses.

She praised joint community efforts in Washington, citing the protests against gun violence organized outside the National Rifle Association headquarters by the American Jewish Committee and African American groups.

The highlight of the ceremony was a performance by the black-Jewish rap group Dr. Laz and the CURE. The group hails from the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, the scene of racial tension in recent years.

With lyrics such as "Increase the peace," and "Working together is the way to be, that's how we survived through history," the group involved the crowd of several hundred in its energetic singing and dancing, and received a big round of applause.

The awards ceremony was part of a three-day conference sponsored by the Religious Action Center, the purpose of which was to create "an effective Jewish response to contemporary issues of social justice."

Featured speakers at other conference events included the Dalai Lama of Tibet and Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the ousted president of Haiti.

Many of the events focused on the domestic policy agenda, and administration officials and members of Congress discussed their positions on a variety of issues.

Another conference highlight was a chance for participants to tour the new U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Other issues on the agenda were the role of gays and lesbians in synagogues, the challenge of the religious right and women in the workplace.

The group commemorated Israel Independence Day, and a large contingent from the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations participated in the gay rights march here Sunday, the first day of the conference.

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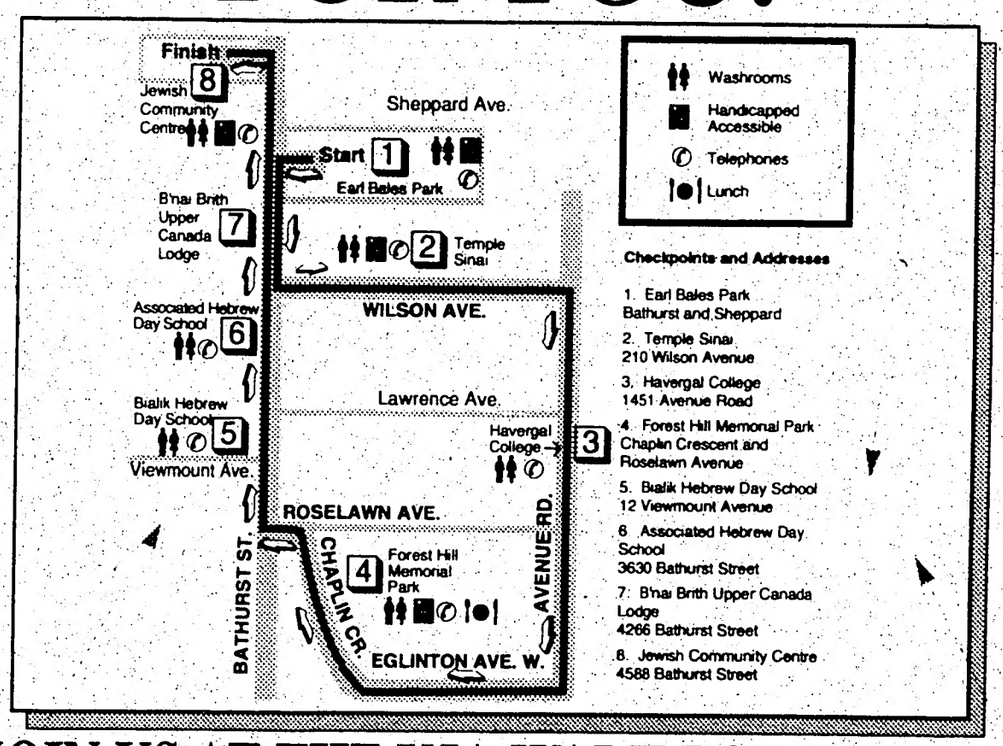

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The News in Brief

Jew named to SA cabinet

JOHANNESBURG — A South African businessman has become the first Jew in 50 years to be appointed to the nation's Cabinet.

President F. W. de Klerk announced that Louis Shill, 62, will take office June 1 as minister of national housing and public works.

His appointment is expected to last at least until this country's first universal franchise general election — in which both blacks and whites will vote — probably in the first half of 1994.

Shill faces a major challenge in this post, as housing and urbanization are among the key issues facing South Africa today.

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Inflation on rise

TEL AVIV — Israel's cost of living rose 1.3 percent in March, in a further indication that inflation this year will be higher than it was in 1992.

The March increase was slightly higher than February's 1.2 percent rise and the same as the January figure, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

If the trend of this first quarter continues throughout the year, the 1993 inflation rate will hit 16 percent, the bureau forecast.

An average family of four now needs 4,830 shekels — some $1,955 — per month just to break even at current prices, the bureau said.

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Chaim Hodakov dead at 91

NEW YORK — Rabbi Chaim Hodakov, longtime chief of staff to the Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneersohn, died in Brooklyn last week following a brief illness. He was 91.

Hodakov, who held several positions in the Lubavtich movement, pioneered the idea of Jewish day schools in America in the 1940s, when the Jewish establishment largely opposed the idea.

Among other titles, he was the director of Chabad's educational, publishing and social service divisions.

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Rav Chajkin dead at 86

PARIS — Rabbi Chaim Chajkin, spiritual leader of the Hokhmei Tzorfat yeshiva in Aix-les-Rains, France, has died at age 86.

Most of France's Jewish religious leaders received their ordination under his tutalage.

Rav Chajkin, as he was known, was born in Kossova, Poland. He was a student of prominent Polish rabbis, including Israel Meir HaCohen — the "Chafatz Chaim" — and Elchanan Wasserman, founder of a yeshiva in Baranowicze.

Friends and students of the rabbi paid their last respects in front of the Rue Pavee Synagogue, in the heart of Paris' old Jewish quarter. Some 2,000 persons attended the funeral, including France's chief rabbi, Joseph Sitruk.

The casket was then flown to Israel, where Rav Chajkin was buried in Bnai Brak.

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Chinese coal fuels Israel

TEL AVIV — Fruits of the diplomatic relations between China and Israel arrived here as the first consignment of Chinese coal was unloaded at the port of Ashdod.

The 60,000-ton cargo was to continue by rail to Israel Electric Corp. power stations in the port town and at Hadera.

The deal for purchase and delivery of the coal was one of the first agreements signed immediately after last year's establishment of full diplomatic and economic relations between the two countries.

The agreement was made between Israel's Coal Corporation and the Chinese Coal Mine syndicate.

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Synagogue vandalized

BOSTON — On what would have been Adolf Hitler's 104th birthday, a Jewish cemetery and a temple were vandalized in separate suburbs north of Boston.

More than 100 gravestones in a section of the Everett (Mass.) Jewish Cemeteries were overturned, and many were spray-painted with swastikas.

The Everett High School and a Vietnamese-owned convenience store were also defaced with racist solgans, such as "Niggers are Apes" and "Gooks Get Out."

Further north in the town of Peabody, Temple Ner Tamid was covered with anti-Semitic graffiti, swastikas and the word "Jude," which is German for "Jew."

Brown returning as U.S. envoy

JERUSALEM — William Harrop, the current U.S. ambassador to Israel, is scheduled to end his tour of duty May 7 and will be replaced on a temporary basis by his predecessor, William Brown, according to sources here.

Brown, in turn, is expected to be replaced after a few months by Reginald Bartholomew, a former U.S. ambassador to Lebanon and currently U.S. ambassador to NATO and special envoy to the Balkans, according to a report in the *Yediot Archronot* newspaper.

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Iran bomb a threat

JERUSALEM — A top Israeli defence official has called on the international community to take action preventing nuclear technology and know-how from reaching Iran.

Reserve Gen. David Ivri, director-general of the Defence Ministry and a former commander of the air force, said some steps were already being taken but they were not enough.

Speaking on Israel Radio, Ivri said Israel was by no means the only state in the region gravely concerned by the threat of Iran attaining nuclear capacity.

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Jerusalem's Jews at 75 percent

JERUSALEM — Jerusalem's Jewish population has reached 400,000 out of 560,000 residents, or 75 percent of the city, according to new statistics released by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies.

Since the start of the new wave of aliyah, Jerusalem has absorbed some 35,000 new immigrants. Some 75 percent of the new immigrants said they were satisfied with their absorption in the capital.

Despite these encouraging figures, the new statistics point out that 5,600 more people left the city than came to it last year.

Newcomers to the city are represented most strongly by haredi, or fervently Orthodox Jewish, families.

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Kuwait, Saudi Arabia to lift boycott

NEW YORK — Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have told the Clinton administration that they will no longer boycott U.S. commercial firms that do business with Israel, according to the State Department.

The World Jewish Congress released a letter from Thomas J. Miller, director of the State Department's Office of Israel and Arab/Israeli Affairs.

According to Miller's letter, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait "have pledged to lift the secondary and tertiary aspects of the boycott from U.S. firms." The WJC said that over the past 40 years Israel has suffered $45 billion in lost trade and investments as a result of the boycott.

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Falash Mora to Israel

JERUSALEM — The first Falash Mora, Ethiopians whose ancestors converted from Judaism to Christianity, are due to arrive in Israel in the coming weeks, Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban announced last week.

Most of the Falash Mora are being admitted to Israel on the basis of unification with family members or relatives who are already in Israel.

Tsaban said he hoped that in the first half of May a senior Interior Ministry team would go to Ethioipia and start to process the most pressing "humanitarian cases."

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Foreign workers approved

JERUSALEM — Bowing to pressure from building contractors, the government is now ready to allow foreign construction workers into Israel to replace Palestinian laborers who have been banned during the ongoing closure of the territories.

Labor and Welfare Minister Ora Namir, who previously said she adamantly opposed the idea, has now agreed to the measure, but still wants a much smaller number of workers than requested by the contractors.

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PLO hurls invective

SYDNEY, Australia — Jewish representives at a United Nations anti-racism conference here have protested a torrent of anti-Semitic statements made by a Palestine Liberation Organization official at the meetings.

The PLO ambassador to the tiny Pacific state of Vanuatu, representing "Palestine" at the UN conference last week, was accused by Jewish organizations of "inciting contempt and hatred," belittling "the evils of Nazism" and undermining the credibility of UN anti-racism work.

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Front Line

Peace talks take on new atmosphere of urgency

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Hezbollah, the long arm of Iran's expansionist Islam, has recently stepped up its attacks against the security zone in southern Lebanon and has also fired Kathiusha rockets into northern Israel. The incidents got less attention this time than expected, perhaps because the Israeli-Palestinian theme now occupies centre stage.

Arab pressure and American assurances brought the Palestinian delegation back to Washington, where the peace talks have resumed in an unprecedented atmosphere of urgency. The negotiations with Syria, which before the long interruption of the peace talks were regarded as potentially more promising, seemed to have momentarily lost their priority. The American involvement was intensified and is now less discreet than it was before the crisis over the Hamas deportees caused the postponements of the peace talks. This time — this is the 9th round and a year-and-a-half after Madrid — peacemaking looks a bit more real and may have entered a decisive phase.

The closure of the territories, unprecedented in length, has opened a Pandora's box of opportunities and dangers. To keep the odd terrorist out, 120,000 Palestinian workers were prevented for more than a month from entering Israel. The measure has practically restored the "green line" — with Jerusalem as the only exception — for the first time since 1967. Israelis were given the opportunity to evaluate the advantages as well as the costs of the old-new geography. No terrorist act of major significance was recorded in Israel during the period, the ordinary crime rate dropped sharply and even car-thefts have reached an unprecedented low. On the other hand, as cheap Arab labor was suddenly unavailable and Israeli labor unprepared to take its place, the building industry came to a standstill and the agricultural output was gravely affected.

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Yielding to the pressure of builders and farmers, the government allowed a few thousands "checked out" Palestinians to re-enter the country. But this was just band-aid treatment for a widespread wound. In the territories, home to nearly 2 million Palestinians, the situation was even less tenable because of the lack of income and of local employment opportunities. The 150,000 Arab inhabitants of Eastern Jerusalem were cut off from their Palestinian hinterland. In short, the measures have produced some positive results but cannot be maintained for too much longer.

A full return to the previous situation is also undesirable, yet a different modus vivendi between Israelis and Palestinians can only emerge from successful negotiations. But this will, at best, take a long time. The economic difficulties on both sides of the line will probably dictate a gradual relaxation of the present stalemate. The obvious danger is that a certain amount of terrorism will then be back, despite all the preventive measures and stricter controls. In such case the question will be how to ration counter-measures, without fueling an interruption or even an end to the peace negotiations. Unfortunately, the double lesson is that the war against terrorism is militarily unwinnable while improvisations often create more problems than they solve.

During the total separation between green-line Israel and the West Bank and Gaza, Israelis have tasted the sweet and unfamiliar feeling of internal security. They like its advantages and have became aware of its costs. With emotions running lower than during the bloody days of March, many understand that co-existence cannot be enforced by domination. Some even suspect Rabin took the extraordinary measures in order to produce just this change of mood, so as to rally support for the territorial compromise he favors. But this conclusion goes too far.

The truth is simpler. Rabin has closed the territories as an improvised emergency measure, in the aftermath of the wave of terror that took 15 lives in one month. He over-reacted to the perceived lack of endurance in the public and to its manipulation of the rightist opposition. He may have had no choice at that point. But once the closure was enforced, the temptation to prolong the relaxation it caused became quite attractive. It was however unclear whether Rabin was also ready to pay the economic costs of separation in Israel, as well as in the territories, where economic and social standards, miserable as they are, especially in the Gaza strip, depend on daily employment and business with Israel. Dilemmas indeed, that can not be solved by improvisations.

In fact, if the government does not want to go back to the vicious cycle that the closure has temporarily broken, it must urgently alleviate the crisis in Israel's building and farming industries. If Palestinian workers are not wanted, many thousands of foreign workers must be temporarily imported. These will also have to train, at the working places, thousands of unemployed Israelis who will be induced to replace them, say, within a year from now, by decent salaries. A complicated scheme, but one that may work. At the same time, if Rabin goes for this option he must also invest heavily in public works in the territories, to provide income to the Palestinians who have lost their employment in Israel. There is resistance in Rabin's cabinet to this option and there is no sign that a decision on how to procede is imminent. Prolongued indecision could make matters worse, particularly in the territories.

Time is also pressing on the internal political front, now that more meaningful peace talks are under way. For as long as there were no acts of terrorism in Israel as a result of the separation, the opposition was deprived of its catching thesis that the government was helpless against terrorists. In search for new arguments and alarmed by the nostalgic reaction of the public to the idea of separation, the opposition, invigorated by the election of the new Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu, is now mobilizing its divisions against the intensification of the peace process, where the question of Palestinian autonomy is to be seriously addressed. All these activities point to a hot summer in Israel this year.

Even the most serious holy book has lighter side

By ALLAN GOULD

Ecclesiastes. Kohelet in Hebrew. It's a pretty serious book in our Tanach, and we're not about to deny it.

Still, these are pretty funny times. The USSR is no more, peace is coming rapidly to the Middle East . . . Uh, er, uh, well, the USSR is no more, you'll have to admit.

And so, we at the humor column have chosen to take a close look at that deadly-earnest, downer of a Holy Book, and tried to give it a new twist. What do you think?

ECCLESIASTES/KOHELET FOR OUR TIMES

Chapter I: Vanity of Vanities, all is Vanity. And when you watch your teenagers in front of the bathroom mirror, who could argue?

One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh, yet that rabbi of yours just won't leave.

The son also riseth, and the son goeth down, and he still hangs around in his room, even though he should have been out of the house years ago.

Is there anything whereof it may be said, "See, this is now?" Yet we are still expected to buy another car every few years.

For in much wisdom there is much grief, yet Junior still insisted on earning that worthless doctorate in interdisciplinary studies.

Chapter II: I said of laughter, it is mad; and of mirth, what doeth it? And Woody Allen runs after a Korean girl young enough to be his stepdaughter.

I gathered me also silver and gold, and then foolishly listened to that idiot stockbroker uncle of yours.

So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem. But when my chlorestoral numbereth 850, I found that I had to quickly become far less great, or my heart would surely perish.

I looked on all the works my hand had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do, and behold, I was in the highest tax bracket; there was no profit under the sun.

The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness, as shall anyone who forgets to pay his electricity bill.

Yea, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun; because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me. So I left it all to the UJA, which should disappointeth my unemployed nephew mightily.

Chapter III: To every thing there is a season, turn turn turn. And a time to every purpose under heaven. So how come we're always late whenever we go somewhere?

A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, for thou hast a headache. A time to speak, and a time to keep silent, although the president of your synagogue doesn't seem to have heard that line, has he?

A time to love, a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace — and all of these seem to happen simultaneously during our Passover seders. For we taketh a licking and keepeth on ticking.

And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and a place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. Yet you still insist on attending the annual synagogue elections.

All go to one place, all are of dust, and all turn to dust again. Yet it is still impossible to getteth a good cleaning lady who will doeth both walls and floors. Amen. Selah.

Chapter IV: I praised the dead which are already dead, more than the living which are yet alive. Who wrote this guy's eulogy, anyway — his mother?

Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbor. This is also vanity, but it is not easy to keepeth up with the Finklesteins.

Allan Gould is the author of 18 books, including The Great Big Book of Canadian Humor *and* What Did They Think of the Jews?

March of Living a useful step in Jewish development

By STANLEY K. PLOTNICK

I was surprised, disappointed, and even somewhat offended by Rabbi Pachino's lack of understanding and insight into the role that Israel experience programs play in reinforcing Jewish education, and promoting Jewish feeling and commitment.

No one, and certainly not the organizers of The March of the Living, view any Jewish experience program as a substitute to an ongoing, intensive Jewish education. The March, as an example of a quality experiential program, is one powerful tool in the development of a passionate commitment to Judaism, an understanding of Jewish history, and a respect for the vital role that Israel plays in the lives of all contemporary Jews. It is an effective, educational tool, amongst many, which contributes to a total Jewish education.

It is not designed to be "an antidote to years of Jewish apathy, ignorance of Jewish scholarship, and absence of vital and authentic Jewish experiences." It is intended to serve different participants in a variety of positive ways. For the day school student, it is one important highlight in years of study, even possibly, to some, the pinnacle of their educational experience, but not a substitute for years of learning of Torah, Talmud, Hebrew language or Jewish history.

For non-day school students, The March might be the catalyst, the window of opportunity, to start an affiliation with Judaism and an opportunity to develop a commitment to Jewish learning and involvement.

After all, no matter how deep our commitment to providing every Jewish child with a Jewish education, this is not always achievable. Therefore, we must at least do our utmost to expose every child to each possible opportunity for Jewish understanding.

It is insulting to suggest that The March of the Living trivializes the Holocaust. I challenge Rabbi Pachino to speak with any of the hundreds of Canadian students and adults who have participated in The March, to find anyone whose sensibilities have not been increased, whose understanding has not been deepened, and whose respect for the memory of the six million Jews has not been heightened, as a result of their experience.

The March is not a "quick fix," but rather reinforcement for those with a good Jewish educational background and, hopefully, a stimulus for those without. In most communities, the March is not simply a two-week trip.

The students are prepared, through many hours of introductory sessions (in Montreal, for example, six sessions of four hours each), by scholars, survivors, children of survivors, righteous gentiles, and others who bring a broad perspective to the experience which these young people will share.

They are presented with historical background on pre-Holocaust Polish Jewish life, the Holocaust itself, the resistance, Al Kiddush Hashem, Israel's War of Independence, as well as the issues that have faced the State of Israel since its creation, and those that face Israel today.

Every precaution is taken not to "shock and instill fear." Rather, we bring these young men and women to the place of death and destruction with deep caring and concern for their emotional well-being. We hold their trembling hands with our trembling hands, and share the deep bond of seeing how our ancestors perished.

The March of the Living has a special rational, careful rhythm of its own. Before visiting the places of Jewish death, we visit the places of previous Jewish life. Before visiting Auschwitz and Birkenau and Majdanek, we visit Tikuchin, Lublin, Crakow and Warsaw. We visit the shtetls, the synagogues, the cheders, former Jewish homes and businesses. The former rich eastern European life is remembered before the places of death are introduced.

And each place of horror is visited with sensitivity and understanding and deep caring. The objective is clearly not to shock and instill fear. The objective is to teach what life was before, during and after the Holocaust.

The Holocaust is a tragic reality of the history of the Jews. The birth of the State of Israel and its vibrancy as a country today is a magnificent epic in our history. No matter how much we learn about it, there is no amount of study that can be as impactful as witnessing the tragedy and the beauty, particularly with an appropriate background.

It is incomprehensible that Rabbi Pachino, a leading Canadian educator, could possibly state that "chanting *'Am Yisrael Chai'* and shouting 'never again' cannot, ultimately, cloak the Jewish nakedness which marks the lives of young Jews today. Nor can it endow them with a grasp of Jewish destiny that should bind them to their past and imbue them with a vision for the Jewish future."

I saw Rabbi Pachino's students in these situations. They were sincere; they were expressing deep emotions and feelings after being deeply affected by what they saw and felt. They were more committed than ever before to learn more and felt closer to their Jewishness than ever before.

Without exception, I have yet to meet any student that has not been profoundly affected by their participation in a Poland/Israel experience. They all maintain that their Jewish identity, connection to Israel, interest in Jewish values and heritage and commitment to humanity, are significantly strengthened by their experience.

The March of the Living is not the only step, or the last step, on the journey for Jewish meaning. It is, in fact, meant to be a step, and a most impactful one, towards a life imbued with Jewish content.

The Jewish world is presently challenged with anti-Semitism, assimilation, and even some growing indifference to our heritage. In the eyes of many, the very continuity of the Jewish people might be threatened.

At such time, it is indeed sad that Rabbi Pachino advocates such a uniquely disparaging view towards a program which is recognized the world over for its significant, educational impact on Jewish youth.

(Stanley K. Plotnick is national chair of the 1994 March of the Living.)

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Yom Ha'atzmaut 5753

An address given by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Senior Scholar at Holy Blossom Temple, at the official celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut in Toronto.

My few words will deal not with Israeli or Canadian politics, or with the peace process, with Hamas or the Golan Heights, with the media and their treatment of Israel, they will speak simply of what Israel means to a Jew. It is, so to speak, a view from the inside.

When we sang *Hatikvah* a few moments ago, we sang it not only as Israel's national song in tribute to the 45th anniversary of the nation's birth, we sang it also as our song, as near to a Jewish spiritual as one can come without mentioning the name of God.

I want you to experience this day in a special way, understanding the deeper meaning of *Hatikvah.* The key words in the song are the three words of the opening line, *nefesh yehudi homiyah*, "the soul of the Jew is stirring."

They were written in 1878 in Jassy, Roumania, by Naphtali Herz Imber, and sometime thereafter set to music by Shmuel Cohen, on the theme of a well-known folk song.

It was a Diaspora song, sung in the fledgling *yishuv* a hundred years ago, and in the course of time it became the song of our people and the national anthem of the State of Israel.

Nefesh yehudi homiyah, "As long as the soul of a Jew is stirring..." If that happens and our eye remains fixed on Zion "our hope is not lost."

You who know Hebrew and especially the Hebrew as it was spoken and read a hundred years ago know that *nefesh* means not only soul, it also means body. It is not only our souls that must be stirred, but our bodies as well.

Hebrew is the only language I know in which one word, *nefesh*, can describe both body and soul! Is that not a perfect description of the deeper call of *Hatikvah:* both body and soul are stirred by the reality of Israel's rebirth, the Jewish people as a worldwide community, and the Jewish soul as a mystery that links us to eternal existence.

Winston Churchill once said:

The coming into being of a Jewish state...is an event in world history to be viewed in the perspective not of a generation or a century, but in the perspective of a thousand, two thousand or even three thousand years.

I believe that. To me, Israel's rebirth has cosmic significance.

At a time when the peace negotiations resume in Washington and war still threatens the Middle East and endangers the State of Israel, we all must know — whether we are Jews or not — that only when Israel is secure will the world too be secure, for security is both a physical and a metaphysical state. The miracle of Israel's rebirth belongs to Jews and Christians and some day, I pray, to Muslims and the world as well.

Forty-five years ago the stirring of the Jewish *nefesh* resulted in the founding of the state. Forty-five years later, our people, having emerged from the *Shoah*, are alive in body and soul.

In saluting Eretz Yisrael we salute both the state and its spirit. Rising from the ashes of death it has told the world that with the help of God and the goodwill of men and women, the biblical prophecy will yet come to pass, and that Jerusalem will yet be the hope of the world.

That is the wish we express to Israel on this day, and we assure our brothers and sisters in the Land of Hope that *nefesh yehudi homiyah*, both the body and sould of the Jewish people are still stirring. As long as they do, they will assure our hope forever.

May the people of Israel live, now and forever!

Am Yisrael chai, ad b'li dai!

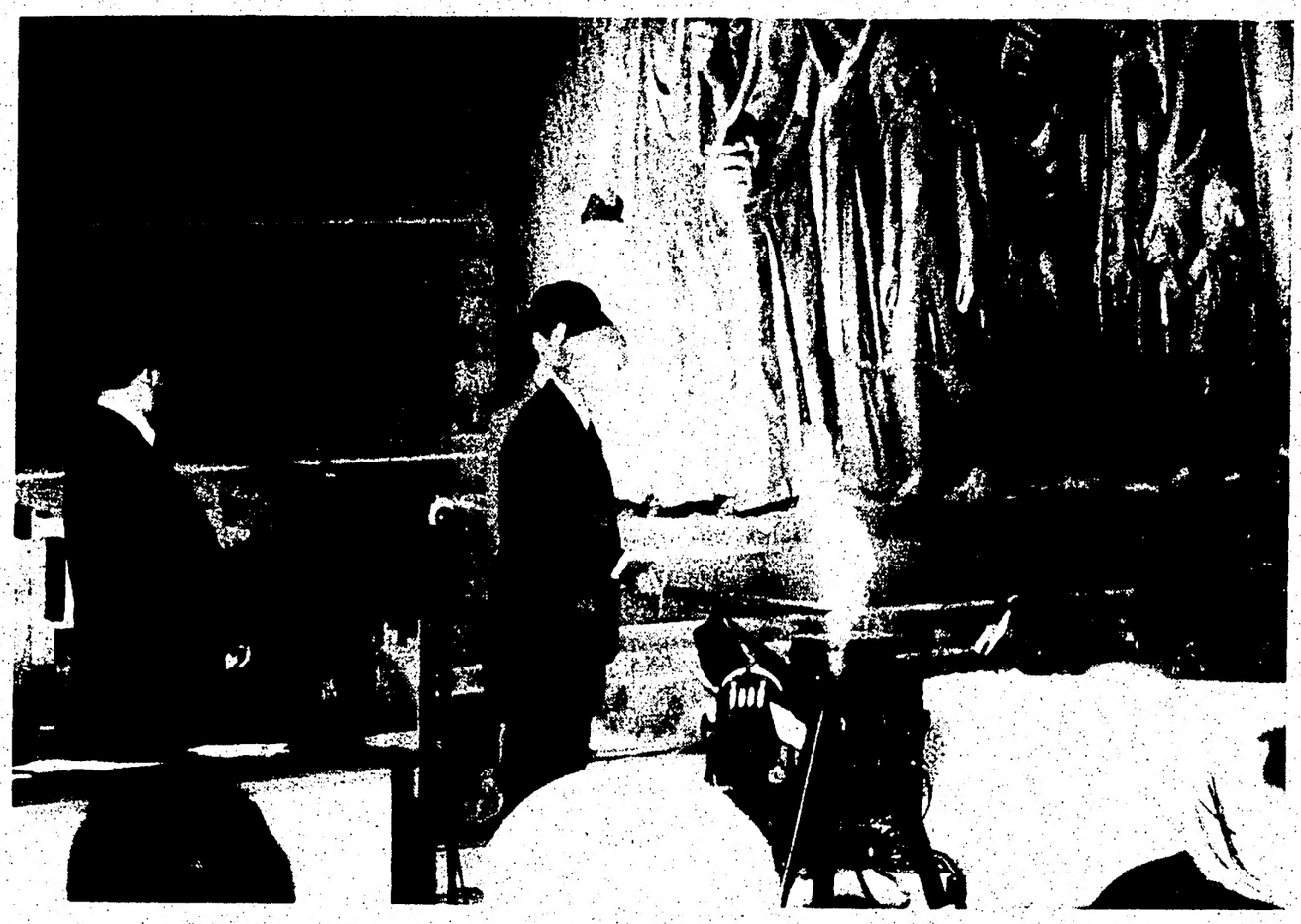
Quotable quotes

'Religion is the link between body and soul, the point where heaven and earth meet in friendly encounter.'

Rabbi Israel Deutsch, 1839

'One has to have an anchorage from which one can set out and to which one can return.'

Stefan Zweig, 1943



YOM HASHOAH IN ISRAEL

Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, watched by Chief Rabbi Israel Lau, left, lights the central memorial light for Holocaust Memorial Day at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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NOT FOR ELITE ONLY

Rabbi Marvin Pachino (*CJN*, April 8) contends that the Holocaust is being "trivialized by the proliferation of missions to Poland" because participants in these missions aren't properly prepared or able to put the Holocaust in some deeper historical or religious context. I would submit that any Jew — no matter how ill prepared — who walks through the horror of Majdanek, who stands on the perversely fertile soil of Treblinka or who witnesses the orderly inhumanity of Auschwitz has participated in a worthwhile Jewish experience. No trip to the death camps is trivial.

Rabbi Pachino seems to feel that it is as if the Holocaust is the Kaballah of Jewish history — only to be experienced by those very few who have the requisite knowledge and understanding. If we restrict trips to Poland to only those that possess a "mature understanding of our faith, our culture, our literature, our belief in G-d," we will make the memory of the Holocaust the property of the intellectual elite.

It seems to be that we should encourage all Jews to bear witness to the insanity of the Holocaust. The only way to prevent another Holocaust is to ensure that as many Jews as possible are prepared to take action in the face of anti-Semitism. Perhaps we ought to consider who is more likely to lead the Jewish people effectively — an individual who had experienced the nightmarish remnants of the camps or someone whose connection to the Holocaust came from books and lectures. Obviously, the optimum way to breed Jewish identity is through a blend of Jewish education and experience. But is Jewish experience without education a waste? Should we deny Jewish experiences to all those who haven't been fortunate enough to receive intensive Jewish education?

I have witnessed what a trip to Poland can do to ignite or fan the flame of Jewish identity in young Jews. As opposed to Rabbi Pachino, I prefer to regard a hundred Jews singing *Am Yisrael Chai* on the very soil where millions of Jews were murdered as a defiant expression of Jewish survival and the triumph of G-d's justice.

If we were to apply Rabbi Pachino's perspective to other Jewish issues then we would surely restrict trips to Israel to only those Jews who had received the proper education and intellectual grounding. Presumably, a trip to Israel without a deep understanding of the Zionist movement and the centrality of Israel in Jewish history is a wasted experience. Should we discourage those who aren't schooled in Jewish ritual and observance from participating in prayer services?

A clear message of the Holocaust is that the nations of the world will regard all Jews equally regardless of their educational background or level of observance. In 1939, the most unaffiliated European Jews were equally at risk. Likewise, the future survival of the Jewish people will not be guaranteed by the educated elite. Rather it will only be guaranteed by those Jews who have been motivated — whether by experience, by education, or both — to make a commitment to the Jewish people.

Chuck English
Toronto

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DON QUIXOTE ROLE

It is right and proper that Rabbi Marvin Pachino (*CJN*, April 8) champions a stronger devotion to religion as the way of salvation. However, we live in very secular, if not anti-religious, times. Those interested in the survival of their religion, whether it be Judaism or any other faith, face this same problem.

If this is true, Rabbi Pachino's hope will be a vain one if he thinks that, for the foreseeable future, Jews, young and old, will return to a ". . . mature understanding of our faith . . ." Many Jews who never attend synagogue, or who have no interest in things religious, feel a strong, abiding connection with the 'peoplehood' of Jews. They identify themselves with the survival of Israel and are quick to man the ramparts in defence of attacks on Jews or Jewish institutions.

Rabbi Pachino has cast himself in the role of Don Quixote if he thinks that he or any other rabbi will be able to foster a sudden revival of religious fervor and dedication.

Marvin Fremes
Toronto

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NO OFFENCE INTENDED

I usually read your paper very carefully and find it instructive and mostly enjoyable. However, in your issue of April 1 in the column "Travel Talk" Len Butcher was very insulting to me and I venture to say to a large section of your readership and I quote:

[Re the editor's mother-in-law] " . . . visiting mother-in-law? Somehow the words 'enjoy' and 'mother-in-law,' in the same sentence just don't seem to go together," and more of that sort.

It isn't funny, just like anti-Semitic jokes are not funny. If he has personal problems in that area let him not take it out on the rest of us.

Minerva Davis
Toronto

Ed. Note: Both the editor and Len Butcher would like to make it clear that they love and respect their mothers-in-law. Any implication to the contrary is regretted.

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DID NOT REPRESENT YRCJC

On April 8 *The CJN* published an article by Ron Csillag "Beth Sholom Plans Northern Branch". In that article, certain statements were published which implied that the United Synagogue Day School (USDS) contributed to the collapse of Shaareh Haim synagogue and that USDS was not supportive of the York Region Conservative Jewish Community Synagogue (YRCJC).

The executive and board of directors of YRCJC wish to make it abundantly clear that any statements alleged to be made by representatives of YRCJC were the personal views of the persons referred to in the article and do not in any way represent the views of the executive and board of YRCJC.

YRCJC has in its brief history enjoyed an excellent relationship with USDS.

The executive and board of YRCJC sincerely regret any misunderstanding that may have been caused by the article referred to above.

Charles B. Ticker
Secretary, YRCJC
Richmond Hill

Opinion

Fundamentalists have much in common

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

We sometimes forget that, in addition to Muslims, there are other religious minorities living in Israel, among them Baha'is and, of course, Christians, who may be Arabs or non-Arabs.

The number of Christian adherents has decreased over the last decade (as it has all over the Middle East); there are probably fewer than 100,000 in the country. Attention usually focuses on them at Easter and Christmas times, but otherwise little is heard about them. The government has a special department in the Ministry of Religious Affairs to take care of their particular needs.

Just as we have a Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, so is there an Association of Christians and Jews in Israel. A year ago it began publishing a little journal, and issue no. 1 of the second year, date-lined Jerusalem, has just appeared. The lead article caught my attention, for its headline reads The Greatest Crime Against Religion.

As you will see from the text which I am reproducing below, the association targets aggressive fundamentalism as the enemy referred to. What does the term denote?

Rabbi Plaut

It is a 20th century word, first used to describe militant North American Protestant conservatives who opposed modernist tendencies in religion. The biblical text is to be interpreted literally, and the adherents *know* that they have the truth and that it represents God's will on earth.

Obviously, fundamentalism is not the property of any one religion, and consequently the Israeli author of the article had to tread gently. But I will let the text speak for itself:

"In a clear reference to the religion-related violence in the Middle East, the Speaker of Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, recently cited the dictum, 'Crime in the name of religion is the greatest crime against religion.'

"Religion fundamentalism is not the monopoly of any one faith; nor is it always the reprehensible phenomenon so many commentators make it out to be.

"In the Jewish faith, for example, fundamentalism is a good and commendable quality when it brings nearer the realization of the dream of redemption by developing the land, tilling the soil and imaginatively observing the biblical commandmaent of shmitta, enjoining us to let the land lie fallow every seventh year (Leviticus 25:3-7). It turns ugly, however, when in the name of the same Bible and the same religion — people throw stones, burn property and disrupt the peace of a city.

"By the same token Christian fundamentalism is beautiful and worthy when, recognizing the literal fulfillment of the divine promises in the Holy Scriptures, it sincerely and happily fulfills the Scriptural injunction 'to love' and 'to bless.' It is less beautiful when, in fulfillment of the same Word, it is made a tool for the denigration of others.

"Islam preaches the oneness of God and enjoins justice and fair dealing. Certainly, there are many Muslims who in their daily lives endeavor conscientiously to carry out the well-founded religious belief that 'it is not the mere profession of creed, but righeous conduct, which is true religion'. They are 'fundamentalists' too. Sadly, we have recently heard much more from the other kind of Islamic fundamentalists, who spread fear and terror and threaten the peace of the world.

"Clearly it is high time for the world's political, social and religious leaders to take a firm stand on the issue. 'Deploring all violence' is a meaningless response to wanton, hate-motivated killing. What is needed today is a clarion across-the-board call for an end to intolerance, hate and fanaticism — and the violence and terror they breed."

What fundamentalists of all religions have in common is their conviction that they have access to the truth, something denied to others. And because they believe this, they have a tendency of wanting to impose their interpretation of God's will on those who disagree. The heart of the problem lies right there: fundamentalists tend to be intolerant people who are ready to force others to see things their way if they don't come around voluntarily. That's what the Speaker of the Knesset had in mind.

King Hussein of Jordan is in edgy mood

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

King Hussein of Jordan is in an edgy mood as he marks the 40th anniversary of his Hashemite monarchy:

•He is fighting a personal battle with cancer.

•He is coping with the fallout of the 1991 Gulf War — the forced migration of numerous Palestinians to his kingdom; the strain in relations with the United States and neighboring Arab countries; the loss of revenues resulting from the United Nations economic embargo imposed on Iraq.

•He is challenged by the forces of Islamic fundamentalism.

•He is proceeding with the Middle East peace process, despite vociferous opposition from some quarters.

King Hussein, 57, is a survivor. In 1957, he squelched a bid by Arab nationalists to overthrow him. In 1967, he lost the West Bank after being lured into the Six Day War by Egypt. In 1970, he fought the PLO in a civil war. In 1989, he put down riots spawned by worsening economic conditions.

And in 1991, in what was certainly one of his gravest mistakes, he gave the appearance of supporting Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and rejected Western efforts to force a solution on its leader, Saddam Hussein.

King Hussein, who has survived several assassination attempts, is now literally fighting for his life. Last year, after cancerous tissues were found in his body, his left kidney and ureter were removed in an operation performed at the Mayo Clinic in Minneapolis.

He is anything but in good health, since he must undergo further treatment, with no guarantee of success. Fearful that his days may be numbered, King Hussein declared in a television address: "The life of a nation can't be measured by the life of any individual."

Observers expect his younger brother, the crown prince, to succeed him should he die in office, or resign.

In the meantime, King Hussein is beset by formidable problems.

Kuwait has expelled approximately 350,000 Palestinian residents and virtually all these refugees have fled to Jordan. Their presence has exacerbated Jordan's worrisome unemployment rate, which stands at about 25 percent, and implicitly created the potential for political instability.

Jordan's relationship with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, two of its most important partners before 1990, is badly frayed due to the perception that King Hussein sided with Iraq. As a result, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait suspended subsidies, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, to Jordan

The Saudi monarch has demanded an apology from King Hussein, but it has not been forthcoming. In a clear sign of mutual animosity, King Hussein has rudely described Kuwait as "the land of thirst, salt and burning oil," while the Kuwaiti media has reviled him as "a king of delusion, swindling and vice."

During the Gulf crisis, the United States cut aid to Jordan — one of its chief client states in the region — and bombed civilian vehicles on the road from Amman to Baghdad. Since the end of the Gulf War, King Hussein has visited the White House, and the United States has restored aid. But King Hussein has had to pay a heavy price. He has been compelled to enforce international sanctions against Iraq, a country which is of vital economic importance to Jordan.

Before the Gulf crisis, about 70 percent of the cargo passing through the Jordanian Red Sea port of Aqaba was bound for or came from Iraq, whose own ports were blocked during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq War.

When the United States discovered that 30 percent of the goods crossing from Jordan into Iraq violated UN sanctions, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency went to Amman in an unsuccessful effort to persuade King Hussein to install UN monitors on the border.

However, Washington's pressure ultimately worked, because Jordan eventually abandoned its sanctions-busting policy and gradually distanced itself from Saddam Hussein's regime.

But the adjustment has been painful. By all accounts, Iraqi imports through Aqaba have shrunk by about 90 percent, while the flow of commercial traffic between Amman and Baghdad has been reduced to a trickle.

According to a UN estimate, Jordan's losses from the sharp curtailment of trade with Iraq since the Gulf War amount to $3 billion (U.S.). For a developing country like Jordan, this is not an insignificant sum.

On the political scene, King Hussein is locked in a struggle with Islamic extremists. Last year, members of a group called Prophet Mohammed's Army were sentenced to death for attempting to assassinate government officials and foreign diplomats. King Hussein has warned fundamentalists not to try to seize power through subversion in collaboration with Iran and Sudan.

King Hussein is willing to work with moderate Islamic politicians, provided they do not oppose his broad policies. After the Moslem Brotherhood won the largest bloc of parliamentary seats in the 1989 general election, the first since 1967, he appointed seven of their members to cabinet posts. But when they criticized his decision to participate in the Middle East peace process, he dumped them.

King Hussein is a firm believer in peace. Writing in *Personal Witness*, Abba Eban, Israel's former foreign minister, wrote: "He believes that Israel and the Arabs have no option except eventual coexistence." But, as Eban pointed out, his slogan has always been that Israel "can have either peace or territory, but not both."

Israel and Jordan, which share a long common border, have made considerable progress since bilateral Arab-Israeli talks were launched one-and-a-half years ago in Madrid. In a breakthrough last November, Jordan agreed in writing that the aim of its negotiations with Israel is a peace treaty.

But peace with Jordan is hardly around the corner. King Hussein will not enter into a peace treaty with Israel unless a global Arab-Israeli accord is possible. Futhermore, he realizes all too well that influential segments of the Jordanian population, mainly Islamic fundamentalists, oppose an accommodation with Israel. Consequently, King Hussein — the ultimate survivor — will tread carefully, and not do anything to endanger his regime.

Chaos ensues as moving day draws closer

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

I am the odd-half of the odd couple. I am accustomed to clutter. And, I have a realistic attitude: I never expected to own any clear horizontal surfaces.

But, but, but my house has never been *this* bad.

We are moving in two week. Every corner of the house is stuffed with boxes, full and empty, including a terrifying number labelled "misc."

The children sorted through their entire toy collection (spreading it through every room). But when I beseeched them to come up with discards, they identified only hairless dolls, eyeless stuffed toys, and wheel-less trucks as dispensable. In my frustration, I was tempted to decree that those are the only things they can keep, but I didn't. First of all, I am not ready to turn my back on all their accumulated birthday and Chanukah treasures, and secondly, I can't claim to be setting much of an example in the clean-it-up, throw-it-out category.

I plowed through five bookcases to discover that the only volume I could bear to part with was a 20-year-old copy of *The Whole Earth Catalogue* and I wasn't altogether sure I could do without that.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

Meanwhile, in the chaos resulting from packing, none of us can find anything. My list of which boxes hold what and go where was the first thing I lost, but my keys, my daughter's glasses and the dog's leash have also disappeared. The only thought that is keeping me going is the future vision of our new house, clean, pristine, unpacked, tidy.

My husband has a maxim that fits our current dilemma. Surveying the wreckage while rummaging through a packing box in vain hopes of finding a tie, he smiled (after all, he was escaping to a nice neat office) and said, "Well, honey, things get worse before they get better."

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I hope that's true. It decribes the entire project of setting up and putting away our Passover kitchen goods. In fact Passover was a microcosmic version of moving. Even though we didn't host our usual big seder (in the midst of this move...we're nuts but we're not that nuts), I still had to make the house ready. Every kitchen cabinet still had to be scrubbed; every ordinary dish, spoon and pan had to be either put away or packed for the move; every bit of chometz had to be searched out and destroyed. At the same time that all the Passover thing had to be unpacked and put into temporary use, we were concentrating every other inch of effort on packing to move. Thus, I had boxes coming and going, being sealed and being unsealed in a parade of simultaneous packing and unpacking, pans marching out and other pans marching in, another perfect example of today's axiom: things get worse before they get better.

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One other epigram comes to mind as I survey the wreckage of my house and grope for comforting excuses, the one that says there are two things you should never watch being made: laws and sausages.

I never watched anyone make a sausage (though I can imagine the mess), but I worked for the government for a year in my youth, so I've seen people making laws. You're better off not knowing how much pure happenstance is involved in that process; I lost my innocence completely. It is better just to vote in the right people and hope that the right legislation emerges as a result. Unfortunately, that doesn't work with moving. I thought , for a moment, that I would love to walk out of my old house, let the moving men pack it up and move it, and then walk into my new house just as they finished hanging the last painting.

But then I realized that wouldn't feel good at all. In a way, I am enjoying myself as I muddle through sorting, trashing, keeping, giving, sending, saving, packing and planning. The process gives me the dangerous but exhilarating feeling that I am actually creating order.

When it comes to moving, at least, it seems that I have to experience the getting worse in order to really understand that if I'm diligent, and if I'm lucky, and if I last that long, things are going to get better.

Features

Peace Now riding wave of optimism

Reporting from Jerusalem, Sheldon Kirshner interviews Gavri Bar-Gil, the general secretary of Peace Now.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Gavri Bar-Gil is in an optimistic frame of mind these days, and for good reason.

For the first time since the formation of Peace Now in 1978, Israel has a government which unreservedly favors territorial compromise, a policy Peace Now has always advocated.

Furthermore, Peace Now's affiliate in the United States, Americans for Peace Now, has just been admitted to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Although Peace Now is not entirely in agreement with the government's national security strategy, Bar-Gil believes that Peace Now should lend its support to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"The Rabin government has amassed a lot of good will," he said the other morning in an outdoor cafe near Peace Now's headquarters in the German Colony. "It's really sincere about peace."

Nevertheless, Bar-Gil added, the battle is far from won. Peace Now intends to pressure the government to make decisions which, he believes, can ultimately yield an Arab-Israeli peace accord. "We realize Rabin is facing difficult choices, but peace depends on it," said Bar-Gil, a 34-year-old reserve battalion commander and member of Kibbutz Ramot Menashe.

"We're facing very hard days," he noted. "But I'm optimistic about the chances of a peace settlement. Everyone in the area wants peace."

To Bar-Gil, Rabin's chief accomplishment so far has been to acclimatize Israeli public opinion for a withdrawal from the Golan Heights. "Before last year's general election, no one dared say such a thing."

Bar-Gil believes that Israel can pave the way for an eventual agreement with Syria by relinquishing sovereignty over the Golan. This would be followed by a phased Israeli withdrawal and the signing of a full-fledged peace treaty, complete with open borders and stringent security guarantees.

Once Israel and Syria have embarked on the path of rapprochement, Israel can dismantle its self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, and Israel and Lebanon can make peace. Bar-Gil is convinced that Syria "can take care" of rejectionists like Hizbollah. "Israel and Syria have a parallel interest in combating Islamic fundamentalism."

Peace Now's major disagreement with the government turns on the Palestinians.

According to Bar-Gil, the Palestinians won't "buy" Rabin's offer of limited autonomy during the interim phase. Under Peace Now's plan, the Palestinians would be granted full autonomy on the basis of United Nations resolutions 242 and 338, and the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would revert to Palestinian control. The Israeli army would be in charge of security, except in large centres, until the final phase of autonomy. "I don't want Israel to control massive numbers of Palestinians anymore," he said.

Some Peace Now activists favor the establishment of a Palestinian state, but Bar-Gil does not have a definite position on this matter. "We never said a Palestinian state is the only solution. It's one of the options."

Peace Now, however, espouses direct Israeli negotiations with the PLO. Bar-Gil said that several Israeli cabinet ministers, as well as Israel's new president, support such contacts.

Bar-Gil believes Israel erred egregiously in expelling some 400 Hamas activists. "It's the most stupid thing the government could have done." Instead, Israel should have arrested the deportees and put them on trial. "The best way to fight Hamas is progress in the peace process. There is no military solution."

Peace Now's nemesis is Jewish settlers in the territories who oppose territorial concessions. "In a political sense, we've put them into a corner," he observed. "We've convinced Israelis that the settlers' long-term interests don't coincide with Israel's long-term interests. They're seen as a group trying to sabotage peace. Much as it's hard to say, the settlers will have to leave. I can't see them living under Arab sovereignty. By leaving them in the occupied territories, you're making sure that peace won't work. The settlers and the Palestinians can't live together."

By Bar-Gil's count, four Meretz party ministers and at least five Labor party ministers are sympathetic to Peace Now's platform. "We have a lot of open doors to the Israeli government."

In the Knesset, 30 to 40 members sympathize with its goals, he said.

"We've never taken a serious survey to gauge the public's reaction to our ideas. But we think that our hardcore support in Israel's Jewish population is between 30 percent and 35 percent."

With the peace process back on track after a four-month hiatus, Bar-Gil believes that increasing numbers of Israelis are inclined toward territorial compromise. "It's not out of love for the Arabs. People realize there is no other way."

As far as Bar-Gil can tell, Peace Now's strongest supporters are university educated Jews of Ashkenazi origin from big cities. "We haven't paid enough attention to the rest of the population. Peace is not just an intellectual question. It's connected to people's standard of living."

Peace Now, he disclosed, has launched a campaign to recruit sympathizers in development towns and among the Sephardi Jewish community.

Of course, Peace Now rejects the notion that Diaspora Jews shouldn't criticize the Israeli government in public.

"The Diaspora has a strong role to play in building Israel. There should be an open dialogue. It's important for Jews abroad to take part in open debate. This'll make the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora stronger."

The affairs of Peace Now have been managed by a professional staff since 1990, when Bar-Gil was appointed general secretary. In addition to himself, three other fulltime employees are on the payroll.

Personal donations account for Peace Now's budget — which, Bar-Gil said, is inadequate. The United States is the source of two-thirds of its funds, while a "very small proportion" are raised in Canada.

Gavri Bar-Gil

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A Jewish traveller who ventures abroad in search of Diaspora communities is practically assured of an interesting and perhaps unforgettable experience. In my travels, I have visited Jews in countries ranging from Syria and Singapore to Argentina and Ukraine, and I have never regretted these forays.

Most people, for whatever reason, will never have the opportunity of exploring Jewish communities far from their own homes. You can, if you're so inclined, read about the Diaspora in handsome coffee-table books or in dry academic tomes. And once in a while, you can watch a documentary about this or that community. At the recent Jewish Film Festival in Toronto, *The Last Marranos* told the fascinating story of the crypto Jews of Portugal, who, as professing Catholics, have practised a truncated form of Judaism for five centuries.

There is yet another way of plumbing your Jewish roots, provided you're in Israel. You can pay a visit to Beth Hatefutsoth, otherwise known as the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora.

Beth Hatefutsoth, which is on the beautifully landscaped campus of Tel Aviv University, is a gem of a museum. And I'm not alone in holding this opinion. Since its opening in 1978, more than four million visitors have walked through its portals. This, I might add, was not my first visit. I toured Beth Hatefutsoth ten years ago, and was impressed. So it was time to go back and immerse myself yet again in its wonders.

Diaspora museum stimulating experience

Strictly speaking, Beth Hatefutsoth is not a memorial, like Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. Its function is to offer new perspectives and fresh insights into Jewish life. It does that with originality and elan. But it's also a kind of tribute to the tenacity of the Jewish people, who've maintained their customs and traditions in the face of adversity and, let's face it, unremitting persecution.

The basic framework of Beth Hatefutsoth's permanent exhibition is neither chronological nor geographical but thematic. Jewish history is thus encapsulated within six major themes — family life, the community, religion, culture, interelations with the Gentile world and the return to Zion. They are presented through the medium of audio-visuals, multi-screens, three dimensional portrayals, models and computers.

It's fitting that the first exhibit is a reconstruction of the Western Wall, the last surviving outer wall of the Temple. It faces an enlarged replica of a relief from the Arch of Titus in Rome, which commemorates the Roman victory over the Jews in 66-70 CE. This catastrophic event dispersed the Jewish people and gave rise to the Diaspora as we understand it today.

Jews are a diverse people, and this fact is conveyed on 16 screens with 120 variegated Jewish faces. There are white faces, brown faces, black faces. "Typical" Jewish faces do not exist.

There is an exhibit of the Sabbath in 15th century Germany, 17th century Holland and 18th century Poland. We're privy to an Algerian circumcision ceremony of the 19th century and a wedding in 20th century Eastern Europe. A model of a 13th century German community portrays the institutions and activities which served to maintain and foster Jewish identity.

The models of synagogues, from the United States to China, are simply exquisite. And a fragment of Dura-Europos, an ancient Syrian shul excavated between 1928 and 1932, is distinguished by extraordinary biblical frescos.

The ferment of the Jewish mind is expressed in a series of stark photographs of such cultural luminaries as George Gershwin, Marc Chagall and Jacques Offenbach. The complex relationship between Jews and their Christian and Muslim hosts is conveyed in vivid exhibits relating to Alexandria, Egypt, Babylonia and Spain.

Anti-Semitism is highlighted via exhibits on the Crusades, blood libels and expulsions. Slide projections depict the resurrection of the Jewish state. At the Jewish Genealogy Centre, you can trace the origins of your surname.

Beth Hatefutsoth, in short, is a stimulating intellectual/emotional experience. I recommend it highly.

Yale's Jewish president

By GARTH WOLKOFF

By hiring its first Jewish president, Yale University may have succeeded in eradicating its historical reputation as anti-Semitic.

The ascension of San Franciscan Richard Levin stands as proof that one of the country's most prestigious universities has distanced itself from the anti-Jewish admission policies and cultural mores in the first part of the century.

Being named to the presidency "reflects what Yale is today," says Levin, 46, "which is a place where anyone can rise and succeed. I have never had a barrier in the 23 years I have been here."

Although the first Jews graduated in 1809, Yale restricted Jewish enrollment from the early part of this century until the 1940s, according to a book about Jews and Yale, *Joining the Club*, by Dan A. Oren.

Although Levin is the first Jewish full-time president, Hanna Gray, now president of the University of Chicago, was acting president in 1977. In the same year, the school offered the position to Jewish Harvard Professor Henry Rovosky, who turned it down.

"The significance of [Levin becoming] president is that the issue is not an issue any longer," says Samuel Thier, president of the predominantly Jewish Brandeis University and chair of Yale's internal medicine department from 1975 to 1986. "It's a very clear measure of acceptance by the broader society. People ought to feel very good about it."

There now are four Jewish presidents in eight Ivy League schools, the others being Michael I. Sovern at Columbia University, James O. Freedman at Dartmouth College, and Harold T. Shapiro at Princeton University.

According to Yale Hillel director Rabbi James Ponet, approximately one-quarter of Yale's 10,000 graduate and undergraduate students are Jewish. And some 600 of the school's 2,000 faculty are Jewish.

"Obviously, the academic world is populated by Jews," Levin says. "We have the tradition of learning and education, which is an admirable tradition."

The university in New Haven, Conn., is not only getting a president who happens to be Jewish, but a visible synagogue-going man who comes from a prominent San Francisco Jewish family.

Levin is a fourth-generation San Franciscan whose grandmother, Rose Goldstein, was a famous costume designer in the earlier part of the century.

Levin grew up in San Francisco's Marina District where, he says "there were not many Jewish children.

"Growing up active in sports and in the Marina, I did [occasionally] encounter prejudice," he recalls. "Children were just reflecting what they learned at home. That was a problem. But at Lowell [High School] I always had lots of Jewish and non-Jewish friends."

His mother, Phyllis Levin, says he "was a serious boy and studious, very bright in school. He loved sports and did anything he could do to play ball."

His father, Derek Levin, died in 1967, but his mother still lives in the Marina and attends Sherith Israel.

Levin graduated from Stanford University in 1968 with a degree in history, Oxford University in 1971 with degrees in literature and politics, and received a PhD from Yale in 1974 in economics. Dean last year of Yale's graduate school, he was also economics professor and chair of the school's economics department.

He is married to Jane Levin and has four children, Jon, 20, Daniel, 17, Sarah, 14, and Rebecca, 8. The family attends one of the country's oldest Reform synagogues, Machon Israel in Connecticut.

Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI WAYNE ALLEN

Summer is always a time to catch up on our reading. As summer approaches, it is worth considering what books we ought to be reading. Here is my personal list — in no particular order — of the ten books every Jew today ought to read.

God In Search of Man

In this powerfully perceptive examination of the human-divine relationship, Abraham Joshua Heschel addresses the ultimate questions of meaningful life. In a style that is both readable and stimulating, this great Jewish scholar and philosopher has crafted a masterpiece in Jewish philosophy and theology that is as fresh and relevant today as it was 40 years ago.

I and Thou

No work of contemporary philosophy has had a greater impact on religious thought than this little gem by Martin Buber. Venerated by Christian thinkers as much as by Jewish philosophers, Buber's analogy of life as a dialogue guides us in how every person can interact respectfully with God and with others.

The Last of the Just

Andre Schwartz-Bart's epic novel written in French in 1959 was the first literary response to the Holocaust by a Jewish author. Part history and part vision, it transforms a Jewish legend into a triumphant monument to the nobility and tenacity of the human spirit.

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion

This anti-Semitic tract is the most published, translated and distributed piece of hate literature designed to expose the imagined international Jewish plot to rule the world. It is actually a plagiarized version of an anonymous French work to discredit Napoleon III which was then revised by Czarist agents to justify the oppresive treatment of Jews at the beginning of the this century.

The Arab Mind

Just as the *Protocols* are essential to understanding anti-Semitism, Raphael Patai's comprehensive and insightful study of the Arab mind is essential for understanding the Arab-Israel conflict. No political strategy that ignores the culturally conditioned responses of the Arab world can ever succeed.

The Zionist Idea

The seminal thinking of Herzl, Pinsker, Hess and others is analyzed by Arthur Hertzberger in his masterful presentation of the ideas that led to the creation of the modern State of Israel.

Great Ages and Ideas of the Jewish People

Six respected scholars and historians present an engrossing and illuminating perspective on Jewish history. Unlike the stilted and dreary texts usually associated with the study of history, these monographs are well designed pieces that put the scope and content of each period ahead of the facts and figures. This text best explains who we are and how we got this way.

After Auschwitz

No understanding of the problems of Jewish belief after the Holocaust would be complete without the reading of Richard Rubenstein's classic struggle with the possibility of the death of God, as it were. His angst is reflective of an entire generation grappling with the problem of good and evil. While his answers may not be compelling, the very raising of the question merits a place on my list.

Marital Relations, Abortions, and Birth Control in Jewish Law

This is more than a scholarly work on a specific, albeit interesting, aspect of Jewish law. It is really the best introduction to the process of rabbinic decision-making in the English langauge. That the conclusions reached by Rabbi David M. Feldman are now widely accepted makes this book even more valuable.

Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism From a Feminist Standpoint

The feminist movement in Judaism has gone way beyond demanding equal participation in synagogue rituals. Judith Plaskow's provocative book advocates an entire rewriting of the Jewish tradition. Whether readers agree or not, this book is required reading for those who would like to understand present conflicts in synagogue life and prepare for future ones.

(Rabbi Wayne Allen is vice-president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis.)

Disneyland gets kosher food

By GARTH WOLKOFF

ANAHEIM — For decades, Orthodox families have smuggled kosher food into Disneyland.

Without a mashgiach to supervise the cotton candy, chicken drumsticks and hamburgers sold in the amusement park, they were left with no choice. Observant parents wanting to send little Yehuda and Devora down the Matterhorn roller coaster during a Sunday in the park simply had to bring in their own victuals.

For the last six months, however, kashruth-observant folks have had a break at one of Southern California's largest and best-known attractions.

Disneyland is now serving kosher food — not "kosher-style," not imitation "kosher" hot dogs, but Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America-approved glatt kosher food, stamped with the official OU.

What's more, the New York-based supplier for the meals calls them "gourmet."

"It's not your [run-of-the-mill] chicken and matzah balls," insists Mindy Weis of Meal Mart, which is providing Disneyland with the prepackaged kosher meals, double-sealed so they stay kosher.

Family-oriented attraction

This first for Disneyland is also a breakthrough for Orange County, which has more than 2 million people — 80,000 Jews among them — and no kosher restaurant.

Disneyland is also one of the few family-oriented attractions of its kind on the West Coast that serves kosher food.

In the annals of American amusement park lore — which generally contain about as much Yiddishkeit as a Billy Graham prayer meeting or a Bing Crosby Christmas album — this attempt to attract traditional Jewish families to the Magic Kingdom may come as a surprise to some.

After all, according to Neil Gabler's 1988 book, *An Empire of Their Own*, Disneyland's reputation for not hiring Jews dates back to when Walt Disney was running the company during the 1950s.

However, a Walt Disney Co. spokesperson reached at corporate headquarters in Burbank denied that the theme park has ever had anti-Semitic hiring practices.

In fact, Michael Eisner, Disney's chief executive officer, is Jewish.

And if food is any indication, the company's amusement parks are catering to a Jewish clientele these days. Besides Disneyland, Disney World in Florida has offered kosher food in some fashion since that park opened in 1971.

In Anaheim, for those who can afford the $15.50 meal price, Disneyland offers six kosher dishes at two restaurants. Of course, added to the $28.75 park admission for adults ($23 for kids 3 to 11), you're talking about $165.50 for a family of four to eat a kosher meal in Disneyland.

At the Plaza Inn restaurant on Disneyland's Main Street, a non-kosher lunch can be had for under $10, with the most expensive item, prime rib, going for $13.95. The Plaza Inn — patterned after a Colonial-style mansion — was Walt Disney's favorite restaurant, according to a company spokesperson.

Across the park, adjacent to the Pirates of the Caribbean ride, customers wait more than an hour on a Saturday night to eat at the Blue Bayou. The restaurant's non-kosher menu offers meals averaging $20 an entree. However, the same $15.50 kosher fare that can be found at the Plaza Inn can be purchased at the Blue Bayou.

The kosher food, which arrives in individually wrapped packages, is popped into a microwave eight minutes before being served. Diners can choose from Chicken Mediterranean, Chile Fiesta, Radiatore Bolognese, Chicken Oriental, Linguini with Chinese Vegetables, and Salisbury Steak.

Besides the entree, each individual repast includes apple strudel, a fruit cup, margarine and a roll.

The amusement park, which serves about 48 kosher meals a week, asks for a 24-hour advance order. The number of requests have doubled since the area's largest daily newspaper, the *Orange County Register*, published an article on the kosher food service.

Meal's a real pleasure

And how does it taste?

Just say the food and its presentation are a cut above kosher airplane food, something in the neighborhood of a low-fat, microwaveable dinner.

But compared to a sandwich that travelled in a hot car and spent the day in a backpack on little Yehuda's shoulders, sitting down to a real meal is a mechaye (pleasure) in itself.

Although four dozen meals a week may not seem like a lot compared to the thousands of non-kosher meals dished up, Disneyland executive chief Alfred Boll says the amusement park wanted to "accommodate every Jewish person possible."

While Disneyland could not afford to make its kitchens kosher, Boll says the park was able to do the next best thing by hiring a kosher food distributor in Los Angeles.

Of course, there are some limits to Disneyland's willingness to cater to Jewish tastes. When a park employee is asked by a reporter to sew a Jewish star onto the Mickey Mouse-ears novelty hat, for example, she explains that regulations permit her only to sew in peoples' names.

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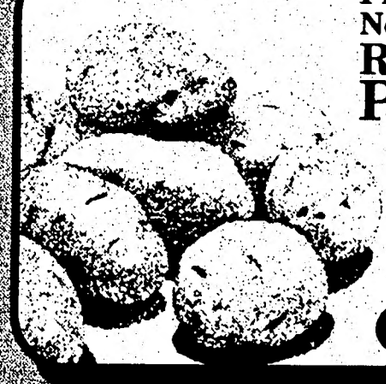

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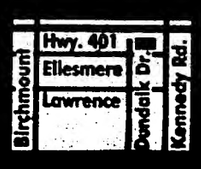

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Rabbi was active throughout his life

MONTREAL — In his mid-90s, Rabbi Charles Bender liked to lay claim to being the oldest active rabbi in Canada. Active he certainly was throughout his long life, which came to an end last month at the age of 97.

Rabbi Bender, a respected and beloved man, was the spiritual leader of Adath Israel Congregation from 1940 to 1969, and continued as rabbi emeritus for the rest of his life, leading a branch of the synagogue in its original Outremont home after the congregation moved to Hampstead.

But, he was more than a rabbi; he was a newspaper editor, community fundraiser and Zionist, educator and self-described sports addict.

Born in London, England into a family of 10 children, Rabbi Bender graduated with a BA from Liverpool University in 1917 and was ordained at Aria College, a Sephardi institution.

When Rabbi Bender was 3, his Zionistic father packed the family off to Palestine, but the Turks turned them back and they tried farming in Cyprus for a few years before returning to England.

He came to this continent in 1920 to lead Congregation Beth-El in Rochester, N.Y. Eight years later, he came to Montreal to serve as rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue from 1928-40, when he was hired by Adath Israel, which was about to be built in Outremont.

During World War II, he was a chaplain with the RCAF, retiring with the rank of captain. Years later, he was chaplain at the St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

Among his long list of community affiliations, he was national chair of Jewish National Fund from 1942-46, reappointed in 1954 and 1961; national vice-president of the Zionist Organization of Canada; founder and first president of the Montreal Board of Jewish Ministers, which brought together rabbis of all denominations; founder and first president of the Montreal Jewish Teachers Seminary; and president of the B'nai Brith Mount Royal Lodge.

He helped organize the Adath Israel's Hebrew Academy, a Jewish day school that at its peak had over 700 students from kindergarten through high school.

Wrote articles

He was editor of the *Canadian Jewish Chronicle* from 1931-36, writing numerous articles such as From Luther to Hitler and Chauvinistic Aspects of Religion.

He was the recipient of the King George VI Coronation Medal.

Rabbi Bender was a tall, distinguished-looking man, whose trademark was his pince-nez eyeglasses. But he was not a stuffy intellectual.

His passion for ice hockey began in 1928 when a congregant gave him a ticket to a Canadiens game. Baseball, he once said, was just too slow.

A lifelong bachelor, Rabbi Bender shared a home with his sister Mabel, who also never married, throughout his time in Montreal until her death several years ago.

Rabbi Bender drove his own car and tended to his few elderly congregants almost until his death.

He attributed his vigor, once in an interview with *The CJN* three years ago, to a daily dose of shnapps and one-mile walks, as well as a lively interest in what is going on in the world.

Metro police charge 'rabbi' in connection with fraud

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — A self-described rabbi has been returned to Canada in connection with a $1 million fraud committed in 1982.

Zvi Shaul Hecht, 43, was arrested last August in England after visiting there from Israel, where he had been living for over 10 years.

Canada sought his extradition from Israel but Ottawa has no treaty with the Jewish state.

Hecht waived his right to an extradition hearing and appeared in a Toronto court last week for a bail hearing.

He faces five counts of fraud over $1,000, seven counts of theft over $1,000 and one count of uttering a forged document in connection with the misappropriation of over $1 million.

Det. Joe Passmore of the Metro police fraud squad told *The CJN* that in 1982, Hecht was a vice-president and salesman for Midland Doherty (now Midland Walwyn Capital), the downtown brokerage firm.

A warrant was issued for Hecht's arrest in July, 1982 in connection with a bogus account that was set up in the name of Freidberg and Co.

In 13 separate transactions, cheques worth $1,057,000 were issued by Midland Doherty to Freidberg and Co. and then converted to Canadian and U.S. banknotes, Passmore said.

In the summer of 1982, Hecht left Toronto and immigrated to Israel, where he received citizenship, Passmore added.

The scam was "discovered right away" but there is no trace of the money now. The money was insured, Passmore said.

Hecht had been with Midland Doherty for six years.

Passmore said Hecht refers to himself as a rabbi. He wears a traditional Orthodox black hat and a beard. "He's quite devout," Passmore said.

According to the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, Hecht's wife Bluma taught at Associated Hebrew Day Schools in the early '80s and the couple were members of B'nai Torah Congregation.

According to several community sources, it is possible Hecht received smicha (rabbinic ordination) while in Israel.

Hecht was nabbed by Scotland Yard last summer after he flew to London on an El Al flight for a family function. A routine check uncovered an arrest warrant issued by Interpol.

Wrong daughter

The CJN misidentified the daughter of Premier Bob Rae on its front page of April 22. The daughter who attended the Yom Hashoa service with her parents was Lisa Rae.

Wrong fund

In a story in our April 29 edition, it was reported that She'arim Hebrew Day School is to receive $40,000 solely from the Joe and Helen Berman Fund. In fact, the money will come from the Berman fund as well as from the Saul S. Wagman Educational Fund and the United Jewish Welfare Fund Bequest and Endowment Fund.

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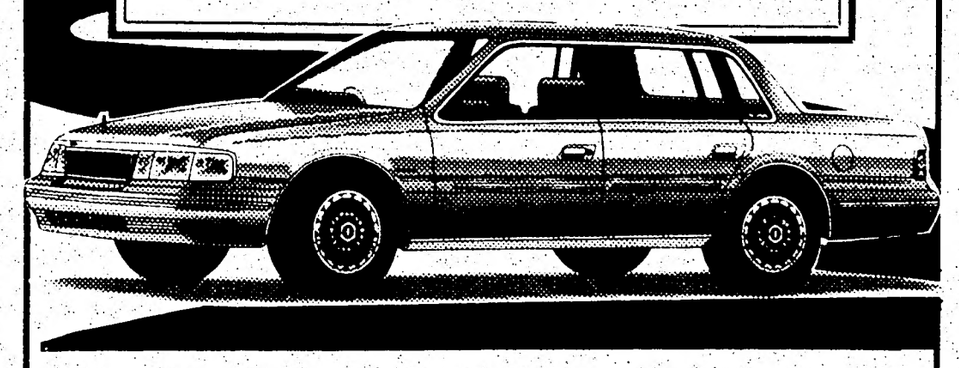

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Clients and staff of the Reena Foundation joined the recent Jewish National Fund trip to Israel. Shown from left are client Hirsch Silverstein, Arlene Margolese, Reena's coordinator of volunteers, client Martin Goodman and staffer Susan Andrew (rear) visiting old Jaffa. Seven Reena clients were on the trip.

Winnipeg CJA launches program for newcomers

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) Women's Division has launched an outreach program for newcomers to the community. They are inviting new arrivals to board members' homes for Shabbat dinner.

"We started to think about this in December," said Sandy Secter, co-v.p. Education Outreach. "Many of us on the board feel that Shabbat is a beautiful event and one we wanted to share. We have been doing all kinds of interesting things and thought that inviting newcomers for Shabbat dinner would be a particularly welcoming program."

Seventeen of the board's 30 to 35 women chose to participate in the program. Originally, the plan was to hold the dinners in March, Secter noted, but people were busy or going out of town. It was decided therefore that board members could issue invitations whenever it was convenient in the spring.

"We decided initially to keep this program within the confines of our board members," Secter added. "We also decided that any newcomers would be eligible no matter whether they were from the former Soviet Union, Israel, South Africa, Edmonton or Toronto."

The ladies acquired lists of new arrivals in the community from the Hebrew day schools and matched families according to ages of children. The hostesses had little speeches prepared for them, if needed, when they phoned to issue their invitations. The telephone invitations were followed up by written reminders with directions to the hostess's home.

Menu kept simple

The menu was kept simple — chicken soup, roast chicken — to keep costs down and discourage any competition. As well, hostesses were encouraged to team up. "We tried to accommodate all needs," noted Secter.

"We really liked each other," Sherryl Steinberg said of her guests, Dr. Jeremy and Sally Lipshitz and their four young children. Steinberg and her husband, invited the Lipshitz family, who are from South Africa, over in mid-March. The Steinbergs have two young daughters who go to the same school as the older Lipshitz children and Sherryl Steinberg knew who Sally Lipshitz was.

"She didn't know me though," said Steinberg. "She sounded quite pleased when I phoned and they were happy to come. We had a wonderful time. They stayed late telling us about life in South Africa, why they left and how they are adjusting to Winnipeg. We talk to each other quite often now and are planning to get together again."

Secter reported all the dinners worked out well and everybody responded favorably. She expected they will continue and expand but was not sure yet how they will evolve.

U.S. Peace Now leader set to visit Toronto

TORONTO — Gail Pressberg, president of Americans for Peace Now, which this year became a member of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, will present her views on prospects for Middle East peace in a lecture at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

This will be the first Toronto appearance of Pressberg, who, prior to assuming her present position in February, was co-director of the American Peace Now's Centre for Israeli Peace and Security in Washington. Previously, she was the first executive director of the Foundation for Middle East Peace.

Her address, Middle East Peace Process: Promises and Pitfalls, is sponsored by Canadian Friends of Peace Now, and the Israel Affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Involved in Middle East affairs for 15 years, Pressberg is well-known as a practitioner of "track two diplomacy" — encouraging interaction between Arabs and Israelis.

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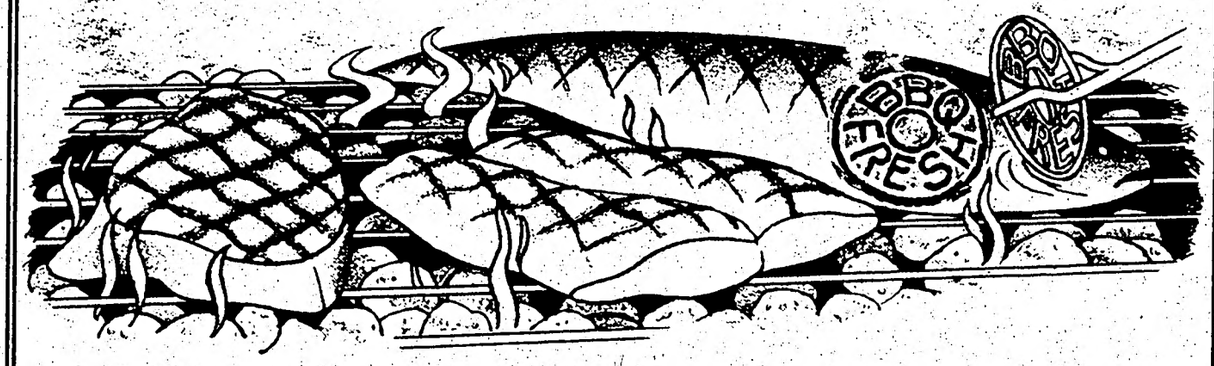

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Christians failed their duty during Holocaust: minister

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — For the most part Christians failed miserably to live by the teachings of their faith during World War II, said Reverend James E. Leland at a recent Christian service in memory of the Holocaust.

Held at the Agricola Lutheran Church, the service commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and the 50th anniversary of the rescue of Scandanavian Jews.

A United Church minister, Leland said Christians who saved Jewish lives must be remembered. The model of Christian response, he says, came from Finland and Denmark. Finland refused to turn over its Jews to the Germans, and the consensus among the Danes was that the Jews must be saved.

Many Danes risked their lives in October of 1943 when they mobilized themselves over three nights to send 7,200 over the sea to the safety of Sweden. Ninety-eight percent of Danish Jews were saved.

Leland pointed out the world was silent to the plight of European Jewry, emphasizing that the silence of the thirties was an evil one characterized by apathy and indifference. "The Jews of Warsaw were totally abandoned by the world," he said.

He said if the world had spoken out against it, perhaps the Holocaust would not have occurred.

The fierce resistance of the Jews to the power of evil in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, he said, must be remembered. Leland added that the uprising dispels the myth that Jews went passively to their deaths. When darkness reigned, he said, the heroism of the resistance fighters in the ghetto was a beacon of light.

He compared the response to anti-Semitism today to the world's indifference 50 years ago, calling it the silence of the nineties. "The newest form of anti-Semitism is Holocaust denial," said Leland.

He says anti-Semites and racists are becoming bolder and urged that laws against hate literature be strengthened. In his own province, New Brunswick, he said the Justice Department does not take action against those who publish hate literature because there are loopholes in the Criminal Code.

To fight anti-Semitism, Leland says the story of the Holocaust ought to be told to each generation in schools and churches. He emphasized that the Christian community must share the responsibility with the Jewish community for keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive, noting that millions of people have not even heard of the Holocaust.

"[It] must be forever remembered that the Holocaust did happen and it can happen again any minute. [We] must make sure such hatred is not unleashed in the world again," he said.

At the service, sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, the following participants lit the six candles of the memorial candelabrum: Matthew Getzler, grandchild of a survivor; Martha Shemtov, hidden child survivor; Aron Fainer, survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto; Aksel Westergaard, for Danish rescuers; James Lindala, for Finnish rescuers; Brit Missirlian, for Norwegian rescuers. A seventh candle was lit for the Righteous Gentiles who died because they rescued Jews.

The candles in the six branches of the memorial candelabrum represent the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust. The first candle was short, symbolizing the one million children who perished.

Parade carnival set for Lag b'Omer

TORONTO — A giant Lag b'Omer Parade and Carnival will be held this Sunday, May 9, featuring marching bands, floats, acts, rides, ferris wheel, games and food.

On this day, Jews throughout the world will celebrate the life and teachings of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, who stood for Jewish unity and world peace. For over 1,800 years, Lag b'Omer has been celebrated as a very special day, especially for youth.

This day also marks the seventh year since the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. The event will raise awareness and money to help the thousands of children affected by radiation from the explosion.

The event will begin at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre in Earl Bales Park (Bathurst Street just south of Sheppard) at 11 a.m. Brief addresses will be heard from community leaders; students; MPs Bill Attewell, Barbara Greene and Joseph Volpe; MPPs Zanana Akande, Elinor Caplan and Monte Kwinter; Metro councillors Norm Gardner, Howard Moscoe and Bev Salmon; and North York School Board Chair Elsa Chandler. Afterwards, the expected crowd of 10,000 people will parade up Bathurst Street to the Jewish Community Centre North, 4588 Bathurst St., where there will be a carnival.

This event is sponsored by Tzivos Hahem Canada in co-operation with Cheder Chabad, Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto, Jewish Community Centre, Chabad Lubavitch of Markham and youth groups city-wide, including B'nai Brith Youth Organization, North American High School Organization Network, National Conference of Synagogue Youth, Bnei Akiva Canada, Jewish Students' Network Canada and many others.

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Organizations and People

Jewish women want more than mother tag: sociologist

By RUTH BARNETT

TORONTO— Jewish women have other things to do besides feeding men chicken soup, says one of Canada's leading sociologists.

Before retirement, Thelma McCormack was a professor, Department of Sociology and director of the Graduate Program in Women's Studies at York University; she is now director for Feminist Research there.

"Jews have survived through the family; but this has been achieved on the backs of women," she said.

McCormack said Jewish women have to make it clear to men that they do not wish to be identified as mothers willing to sacrifice their entire lives to stay home and live vicariously through their children.

Her remarks were made following a lecture she delivered to the Older Women's Network (OWN) in Toronto recently. OWN is an organization with a feminist outlook which focuses on issues affecting older women.

McCormack defined ageism as "the devaluation of people on the basis of their age, not their behavior," which results in discrimination in the labor force and bigotry in cultural life.

"We live in a patriarchal society which gives preferential treatment to men in terms of power, status and authority. The patriarchal society need not be misogynist; woman hating or violent; it can be extremely protective and paternalistic, but the result is the same: women are subordinate and must adapt to a situation of inequality," she told her audience of older women.

"Women are disdvantaged and develop some of the coping systems for dealing with dependency. One of these is a pseudo-matriarchy, the woman who is powerful in the family — super Mom who handles a household of children and her aging parents as well. This myth of the matriarchy has flourished, and it is only in recent years that we have learned more about the head of the household who has all the limitations of any other person," she said.

According to McCormack, the invisibility and denial of women who are fifty plus is part of the problem. The denial is so strong that we avoid terms like 'older women' as if it were a stigma, in the same way we avoid describing anyone as 'fat.' In the future, we older women will not call ourseves older, but pre-retired, partially-retired, fully-retired and post-retired, she said.

"Denial of old age leaves us with confused expectations about the women we will become. One stereotype is optimistic and cheerful; the other is negative and pessimistic. Neither is accurate," said McCormack.

"The affluent grandmother constitutes a very small percentage of the ageing population. We don't have pockets of poverty; we have pockets of security and affluence," she said.

"In the second scenario people are seen as lonely, leading lives of quiet desperation; they are frail, depressed, withdrawn and have low self-esteem. The first stereotype is based on consumption; the second on social services. Both reflect special interest groups competing for the media and public agenda. Neither reflects the authentic voices of older women.

McCormack suggested avoiding these two scenarios and focusing on a third option: one of human rights, on social justices for rich and poor. She felt the future lies not in focusing on specific issues but on one idea: the concept of a social contract where all in need receive the support of the larger community at all ages. This alternative way of living would be similar to a commune or an Israeli kibbutz, where the community assumes responsibility for all its members.

McCormack, who spent a year lecturing in communications at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said feminist thinking addresses dependency through strategies of consciousness raising and empowerment. It begins with autonomy, with recognizing that the personal is political, which means that problems you thought were peculiar to you and possibly your own fault, are not. They are common problems, experienced by others and institutional in origin.

"Liberation means recovering our self-esteem by making real choices about our own future, without reference to pleasing others," she said.

Koschitzkys to be honored

TORONTO — This year, on Sept. 6, two of the Jewish world's quietest champions of charity will be honored when the school they financed officially opens its new wings.

Recent renovations at Toronto's Yeshivat Or Chaim represented yet another project in a catalogue of charity for which Israel and Golda Koschitzky are responsible. The Koschitzkys financed the original building and sister school Ulpanat Orot, before adding dormitories for 24 boys and a beit midrash (synagogue and study hall) at Or Chaim.

From Calgary to Toronto; from Antwerp to Efrat; the Koschitzkys have placed their stamp of tzedakah on dozens of educational and religious institutions.

The family attachment to charity goes back more than a century.

Interviewed in Antwerp, Israel Koschitzky remembered how, as a boy, his father "paid a penalty not to let us go to school on Saturday." He had to finance private lessons for his children to catch up. Those memories solidified Koschitzky's commitment to schools that teach Torah with secular studies; that prepare religious Jews for the outside world, without compromising their observance.

"In order to do that, you have to spend special money," he declared.

And the Koschitzkys are true to their word.

Son Saul, who is chairman of the board governing Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot, says his parents have "contributed to every hesder yeshiva in Israel" (schools combining army service and religious learning.)

Their largesse is not restricted to young men. The Koschitzkys built the Orot Israel College for Women in Elkana — a million dollar plus project, which, according to Koschitzky, was his wife's idea.

In Antwerp, where Israel and Golda Koschitzky spend half the year, they have promised to finance a new religious school incorporating the family's philosophy of Zionism, Torah, and a solid secular education. The Koschitzkys divide the rest of their time between Toronto, Tel Aviv and Florida.

It was also the Koschitzky's initiative that gave Toronto its first public mikvah, some 30 years ago. Israel Koschitzky volunteered a considerable sum of money in the mid-60s to make the mikvah a reality.

Ontario launches anti-racist plan

TORONTO —Ontario Attorney-General Marion Boyd last week unveiled several anti-racism initiatives aimed at making the province's justice system fairer, more accessible, accountable and responsive.

An anti-racism unit is now operational in her office, Boyd said.

Its mandate includes:

- identifying race-related issues and systemic barriers;
- expanding anti-racism training to all ministry staff, with focus on Crown attorneys;
- conducting community consulations;
- and developing and reviewing ministry policy.

As well, the ministry is introducing programs that will expand the ethnic diversity of eligible jurors and racial minority lawyers for appointment to the provincial judiciary.

During the past year, the ministry also established a Commission on Systemic Racism in the Ontario Criminal Justice System, which is expected to release its report soon.

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Peer experience said best tool in getting teens to Israel

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX — The majority of Canadian Jewish teenagers who visit Israel return with a message for their peers — you too must go see a land and a history you can't see anywhere else.

"They tell us, 'we can examine our life through a new perspective'," said Manuel Batshaw, responsible for the Jewish desk of the Charles R. Bronfman (CRB) Foundation in Montreal.

Batshaw was in Halifax recently to impress on members of the board of the Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC) the importance of generating youth enthusiasm to visit Israel for summer or extended stays.

"The CRB Foundation is trying to develop programs with an educational objective via a fun method," he said. "We know the parents want an educational experience for their children while the young people want fun, comradeship and to share an experience with old and new friends."

While members of the AJC board expressed enthusiasm about the program and its goal of creating greater Jewish continuity, there was concern for its validity in a region that has less than 100 teens in the 15-18 year old group and, from which, more than a dozen are going to Israel this summer.

"Demographics and economics in the Atlantic region is the problem," said AJC president Larry Freeman.

Last year, 8,000 North American teenagers visited Israel — including just over 1,000 from Canada.

"That's only three percent (of Canada's 30,000 Jewish teenagers,) an unbelieveably small number," said Mark Charendoff of Montreal, a consultant with the CRB Foundation.

The CRB Foundation, founded in 1986 by Charles and Andrea Bronfman, wants to get 30,000 teens to Israel each year. Batshaw said trying to get that number from North America's 350,000 Jewish teens "is not an impossible task."

The youth trips, or Israel Experience, form the keystone of the foundation's efforts, aiming to strengthen and enrich a sense of Jewish identity.

He said the foundation provides staff and tour guides, curriculum development for the tours, innovative trips, marketing and outreach, and research. Money is not available to subsidize individuals trips although the foundation is willing to work with Jewish community agencies to provide incentives.

Freeman suggested the foundation make the AJC a test market, with financial assistance. "Then we could guarantee 50 percent of our teens going to Israel. Marketing is the simplest part. We have a commitment to Israel but we need help. We just don't have the dollars in the family units."

The foundation has established several programs to help Canadian parents provide an Israel Experience for their youngsters.

"We are getting a 1-800 number to provide information about any Israel Experience we have available.

"We will help parents program a trip for their kids with an Israel Incentive Savings Plan, an investment program started early in life that will mature when the child is ready to go to Israel."

While a video is available to show the experience, Batshaw emphasized that teen-to-teen recruitment is best.

"Those who have been there are best suited to convince their peers of the benefits of the experience," said Batshaw.

Volunteers sought to work in Israel

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Israel's recent sealing off of the territories may mean better security for the Jewish state but it also means a severe labor shortage because it prevents over 100,000 Arabs from going to their jobs inside the green line every day.

That's why Canadian Volunteers for Israel (CVI) is taking part in Operation Dafka, a worldwide appeal for Jews to come to Israel and volunteer their abilities.

"Basically, the idea is to get back to using Jewish labor," CVI founder Batya Eisen told *The CJN*.

Last month, Sar-El, the National Project for Volunteers in Israel, a unit of the Israel Defense Forces, issued an urgent plea for volunteers to alleviate the "critical" labor shortage resulting from the sealing of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The first group, from the United States, set off for Israel in mid-April. Twenty nations are expected to send volunteers.

Eisen set up a Canadian branch of the organization in 1986, the year El Al began direct flights from Toronto to Tel Aviv. Since then, over 1,000 Torontonians have gone to Israel as volunteers, usually at unglamorous jobs on Israel Defense Forces bases around the country.

This time, however, Israel needs labor in a variety of areas, Eisen explained.

In particular, flowers and certain crops need harvesting while construction projects and light industry require workers. All volunteers will be trained if certain skills are needed, Eisen said.

Until now, Israeli soldiers have been filling in for banned Arab workers. Those soldiers are needed elsewhere, Eisen added.

While the Israeli government is trying to fill the jobs with the growing legions of unemployed and recent immigrants, volunteer labor is always needed, she said.

CVI is making the prospect attractive: The cost of a round-trip ticket to Israel will be just $925, including accommodation and taxes. Participants will stay on kibbutzim, moshavim and army bases.

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Toronto celebrates Israel's 45th birthday

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towards trade and other initiatives to strengthen the relationship [between Ontario and Israel]. She presented a plaque marking the occasion to the consul general.

Lyn McLeod, official leader of the Opposition, praised Israel for its accomplishments over the last 45 years. They are, she said, "recognized by all of us who admire courage and commitment."

Mike Harris, leader of the Progressive Conservative party, described Israel as a "model of democracy for so many countries, including our own." Israel's accomplishments in development and absorption of immigrants could be a lesson for Canada, he added.

In his response, Zeigerman noted that his great-grandfather came to Palestine in 1882 as part of the first settlement, and that he himself had been born on May 14, 1948, Israel's first Independence Day.

"I belong to the new generation of Israelis. We created the State of Israel on the foundation of Judaism, which is itself based on principles of morality and ethics. In order to achieve this higher standard, we hold ourselves to a peaceful solution with the Arab states and the Palestinians."

He closed with a wish and a prayer that "next year, on this day, among you will be present the government representatives of Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and other Arab states."

Jackman closed his remarks with his memories of 45 years ago when he was a young boy entering high school.

"The war was just over and the horror of the Holocaust was just beginning to seep in — it was difficult for people living here to recognize what had happened."

In saluting Israel, he said, "Israel is not just 45 years old. Israel is the oldest nation in the world in the sense that it has the oldest recorded history. Its testaments are the oldest. No nation, no people anywhere in the world has had a greater effect than have the Jewish people."

He jested that he doesn't think he will be around for Israel's 100th birthday, "but I will be for your 50th, I promise — ask me. I have every confidence that Israel will remain and continue to be one of the great nations of our world."

Israel's 45th birthday was marked with a cake and sparklers at day-long celebrations at the northeast Jewish Community Centre.

Excerpts from statements given in the Ontario Legislature on Israeli Independence Day:

The lives of literally millions have been transformed by the creation of the State of Israel. Canada's ties with the state go back to the earliest days. Our associations as a people are deep and profound. Our whole community has been transformed by the presence within Canada, for several decades and centuries, poeple who've come from around the world to make Canada their home, just as they've gone to Israel after the creation of the State of Israel.

Bob Rae, Premier of Ontario

Jews throughout Canada pay an important part in Israel's existence. Without the support of the Diaspora, Israel would have a difficult time supporting her existence. It is for this reason that we in Ontario can take pride in Israel's Independence Day.

Steven Offer (Mississauga North)

Out of the Holocaust, the State of Israel was created to ensure that the Jewish people would have a homeland. The survivors of the Holocaust have created a modern dynamic state, and our government is pleased that the Province of Ontario and the State of Israel have an effective working relationship. The Jewish community in Ontario has played a crucial role in making sure that Ontario is aware of the needs of Israel.

Zanana Akande (St. Andrew-St. Patrick)

To everyone in the world, Israel continues to be exactly what it has been since its inception: a model state, a beacon of democracy and a hope for all of the oppressed in the world.

Monte Kwinter (Wilson Heights)

It means a great deal to the [Jewish community of Toronto] for this Legislature to acknowledge the State of Israel, to acknowledge the fact that this state grew out of the very greatest adversity, to acknowledge the fact that Israel embodies for Jewish people all over the world the bitter and the sweet of life . . .

Charles Harnick (Willowdale)

Israel's consul-general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman (left) hosted a Yom Ha'atzmaut party at the Koffler Gallery for dignitaries and community leaders. Joining him were Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba (front) and (rear, from left), Ontario Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman, provincial PC leader Mike Harris and Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod. [Ron Csillag photo]

North York Mayor Mel Lastman presided over the raising of the flags of Israel and Canada at the JCC.

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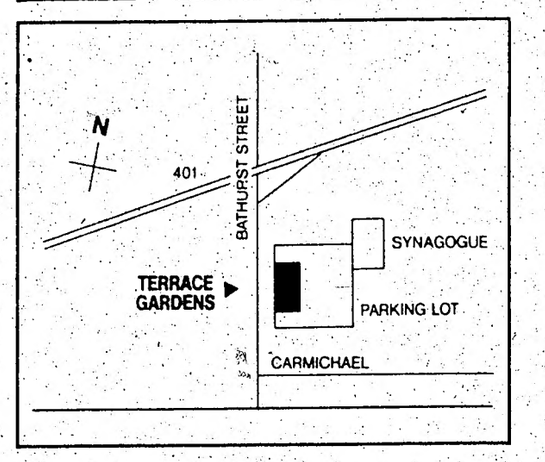

BGU Friends end year on optimistic note

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Outgoing president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), Aly Larson, ended his three-year term on an optimistic note.

Cash flow for the fiscal year ending last September 30 was $947,422, representing an increase of about $100,000 over the past year, said Larson at the BGU annual meeting held recently at the home of Sidney and Brenda Chelsky.

"Given the economic times, [fundraising] was quite successful," said Larson. "We expect to hit new heights in our fundraising this year." Their main fundraiser this year will be a tribute dinner next month honoring Judy Feld-Carr for her efforts on behalf of Syrian Jewry.

The student population at BGU, in the south of Israel, has grown from 5,500 to 8,500 over the past three years and is expected to increase to over 11,000 students by 1995, necessitating increased funds for scholarships and educational facilities, said Larson.

Emphasis has also been placed on funding programs and housing for Ethiopian olim, he added.

At last year's international board meeting, Larson said, international chapters representing over 20 countries undertook a joint obligation to raise $100 million over the next three years.

At the recent Toronto meeting, certificates were presented to BGU "founders" (donors of at least $25,000) including Gerda Frieberg and the Leonard Wolinsky Foundation.

The Gerda Frieberg Chair in Agricultural Water Management is for research in drip irrigation and other methods of enhancing food production. The Leonard Wolinsky Foundation provided money for BGU students living in apartments which house Ethiopian immigrants. The students participate in a Big Brother/Big Sister-type program, providing friendship and advice for the olim.

Paul Jacobs

Other founders honored at the meeting were Leslie and Judy Dan, Bobby and Sheila Masters, and Alexandre and Jeanine Raab.

BGU, established 25 years ago, "is the pioneer in Israel," said new president Paul Jacobs, a senior partner in the law firm of Elkind, Lipton & Jacobs. "It's the youngest university, on the cutting edge. It has to prove itself all the time. One of the biggest jobs we have is assisting it."

Jacobs reminisced about his childhood years on Markham Street when post-war immigrants stayed in his parents' home before they became established in Toronto. "Those days play a continuing important role in my life and in my view of the role of Jews in the world," he said, explaining the importance of education and absorption of immigrants.

Dr. Naftaly Meydan, of BGU's Soroka Medical Centre, spoke on behalf of the university. He is in Toronto on a clinical fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children, and is hoping to bring his new expertise in bone marrow transplantation to Soroka. The technology he is studying is currently available only in Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital.

BGU has strengthened the population in the Negev, Meydan said. "By helping the university, you are helping the development of the region."

Soroka offers "community-oriented medicine which is unique in Israel," Meydan said. Because each department head is also head of the regional team in that specialty, the result is improved access and service, he said.

Although the population of the Negev is relatively small, said Meydan, its geographical size represents more than two thirds of Israel, making it an important region in terms of settling new olim.

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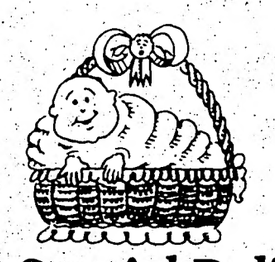

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, May 6, is deadline for May 20 issue, and Thursday, May 13, is deadline for May 27). I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Sunday, May 9

LAG B'OMER PARADE & CARNIVAL

A grand parade and carnival to celebrate Lag b'Omer begins at 11 a.m. at Earl Bales Park followed by the parade at noon to the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch where the fun and excitement will continue to 5 p.m. There will be rides, lunch and refreshments, prizes, shows and entertainment. Admission is free. This day also marks the seventh anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Proceeds will go to help thousands of children affected by the radiation. For more information, call **Andrew Palamarchuk**, event co-ordinator, at Tzivos Hashem, 667-7677.

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Jacques Israelevitch, concert master of the Toronto Symphony, will join prize-winning pianist **Robert Kortgaard** and Canadian-born clarinetist **Michael Rusinek** of the National Symphony in Washington, for Musica Beth Tikvah's closing concert. They will be performing works by Milhaud, Bloch, Glick, Weiniawski and Gershwin. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Tickets are $15 each, $12 for seniors and students. Call the Beth Tikvah office, 221-3433, for information or tickets.

TOURISM IN ISRAEL

Ruth Ben Tzur, director, Israel Government Tourist Office, will discuss Tourism in Israel at the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting, following 9 a.m. services.

Monday, May 10

THE FUGU PLAN

The Sharon Cole Memorial Lecture Evening features guest speaker **Cathy Tile** who will reveal the untold story of The Fugu Plan — the connection between the Japanese and the Jews before and during World War II. The time is 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Club Dayan, Na'amat.

FASHION SHOW

Enjoy a spectacular fashion show presented by Emunah Women at 7 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Proceeds will benfit Emunah projects in Israel. For tickets and information, call 635-9847 or 661-4822 (evenings). Desserts will be served.

REDISCOVERING LOVE

The Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am joint spring study program, 3 Prayers: 3 Issues in Jewish Life, continues with Rediscovering Love: Ahavah Rabah with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel. The Joy of Singing led by **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** follows at 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

ADOPT A RUSSIAN FAMILY

The Community Integration Program works to integrate recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union into the Toronto Jewish community through the Family-to-Family Program. In Family-to-Family, a Canadian family is matched with a recently-arrived family for purposes of friendship, cultural and Jewish activities. An orientation for Family-to-Family will take place at JCC North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst. St., at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom on the second floor. Call **Trudy Shecter** at 631-5680 to RSVP or for further information.

MARKHAM STREET SHUL

At Markham Street Shul, 397 Markham St., **Rabbi Michael Skobac** will focus on Ethics of the Fathers—The Crown of a Good Name from 7:30-8:30 p.m., followed by **Rabbi Yaakov Kirzner** with Husbands and Wives, Models from Torah—Jabob and Rachel, and **Sholom Langner** with the parshah of the week from 8:30-9:30.

LABELS FOR LESS FASHION SHOW

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is presenting designer labels at affordable prices show and sale by Carlin Enterprises, plus refreshsments and door prizes, at the synagogue. Doors open 7:30 p.m. and fashion show is 8 p.m. Price is $25 patrons, $15 general admission. For further information, call **Rona**, 491-9576, or **Marilyn**, 441-2985.

DAIRY AND PAREVE GOURMET

The Kosher Cooking School spring series concludes with Dairy and Pareve Gourmet at 8 p.m. at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Fee is $15. For information and registration, call 635-9550.

Wednesday, May 12

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

The Jews for Judaism eight-session Wednesday evening lecture series entitled What Every Jew Should Know About Missionaries gets off to a start with Today's Missionary Problem with **Rabbi Michael Skobac** at 8 p.m. at Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. Cost is $36 for series, or $5 per evening. Space is limited. To register, call 789-2851.

HEALTH SERIES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Continuing Education committee's lecture series on Taking Responsibility for Your Health concludes with two lectures — Menopause: What Every Woman Should Know with nurse **Valerie Marshall**, Women's Health Care consultant, St. Michael's Hospital, at 7:30 p.m.; and Anti-Oxidents and Disease Prevention with **Dr. Lorne Sidenberg**, head, Department of Family Medicine, Etobicoke General Hospital, at 9 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For information, call 633-3838.

Thursday, May 13

ANNUAL AUCTION

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am annual auction previews at 7 p.m. with the auction at 7:30. Among the goodies up for bids will be lots of Blue Jays and theatre tickets. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For information, call synagogue office, 633-5500, or **Frank Shapiro**, chair of the event, 665-4053.

LIBRARY PROGRAM

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., is presenting author **Helen Forrester**, author of *The Lemon Tree*, who will discuss her numerous books. That's at 1:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call 393-7706.

And What Else Is New...

JAZZ MEETS KLEZMER

Two great musical forms come together in celebration of Jewish melody when Holy Blossom Temple continues its musical season with Jazz Meets Klezmer Sunday, May 16, 8 p.m., featuring the Moe Koffman Quintet with the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band. Tickets are $15 general admission, $10 seniors and students, and are available at the temple or at the door. For further details, call **Barbara Duffet** at the temple office, 789-3291.

DARCHAI NOAM 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Congregation Darchai Noam, Reconstructionist Synagogue of Toronto, marks its 20th anniversary Shabbat Emor, May 7-8, in a weekend of prayer, learning and celebration. Services, led by **Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker**, begin 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Shabbat morning. Keynote speakers are **Mel Scult**, professor of Jewish studies, Brooklyn College, and **Valerie Kaplan**, president, Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot. For further information, call 638-4783.

AT BETH TZEDEC

The Victor and Renee Topper Cantorial Shabbat, May, 8, at 9 a.m. features **Cantor Israel Goldstein**, cantor of the Jericho Jewish Centre, Jericho, Long Island. Goldstein has officiated and performed in London, Jerusalem and major cities throughout the United States.

The Rabbis' Series, Ethics of the Fathers, will run six Monday evenings at 8 p.m., May 10-June 21 (except May 24). Lecturers are **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein**, Beth Sholom (May 10); **Rabbi Mark Dratch**, Shaarei Shomayim (May 17); **Rabbi Dow Marmur**, Holy Blossom (May 31); **Rabbi Irvin Beigel**, Beth Tzedec (June 7); **Rabbi David Monson** (June 14); and **Rabbi Solomon Spiro** (June 21). Admission is free and the public is welcome.

WEDNESDAY FOR WOMEN

The Learning Centre, an Aish HaTorah project designed for women, starts May 5 for six weeks. Morning and evening courses include Successful Life Management with **Sara Chana Radcliffe**; Your Portion of the Week with **Ruhama Alter**; Perspectives in Philosophy with **Dina Coopersmith**; and In-depth Chumash with **Rabbi Ahron Hoch**. For more information, fees and registration, call **Ann** at 636-7530.

SINGLES ONEG SHABBAT

A singles Oneg Shabbat for ages 40-60 is being held Friday, May 14, 6 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue with **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein** and **Cantor Israel Gutman**. Join with other singles in a moving Friday night service, sing, dance and meet new people while enjoying an extraordinary evening followed by a delicious dinner at a cost of $18 per person. Call the synagogue office, 783-6103, for reservations.

OHR SOMAYACH HAPPENINGS

Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill announces a series of Lunch and Learn sessions held the second Tuesday of each month at the offices of Magder Entertainment Corp., 189 Church St., at 12:30 p.m. Guest speakers include lecturers from Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem and **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach Thornhill. The next session, May 11, features Rabbi Becher. The public is invited to participate. For lunch reservation and/or further information, call **Jill** or **Michelle** at 886-5730.

Feel the Color, See the Sounds is the title of Shavuot Retreat, May 25-27, at Maple Lake Lodge Retreat Centre. It will feature lectures by **Rabbis Mordechai Becher, Avram Rothman, Avi Schochet** and **Yosef Michalowitz**. Also, a program for women is being developed by Womens' Studies director **Rina Schochet**. For details regarding fees and reservations, call 886-4730.

SUMMER SOIREE AND SILENT AUCTION

Lev Zahav chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, invites you to a summer soiree and silent auction to raise funds for Youth Aliyah, Sunday, May 16, at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St. W. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door and include desserts, coffee, live musical entertainment, door prizes, cash bar. Dress is casual. To reserve tickets, call 781-6844.

BIALIK SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Bialik Hebrew Day School spring fundraiser presents *The Best of Chutzpah a Go-Go* in concert at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Thursday, May 20, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40. Call **Marilyn Herbert**, 224-1165.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS GROUP

Beginning Wednesday, May 12, the weekly group for Holocaust survivors and children of survivors will meet at 585 Cranbrooke Ave. The purpose is to understand the impact of the Holocaust. The leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. The time is 10 a.m. to noon. For information and registration, call 630-0164.

YOUNG WOMEN'S SOCIAL GROUP

Interested in starting a new young Jewish women's social group (25-32) in the Thornhill and surrounding areas? No fundraising, just a social evening out away from daytime pressures of family and /or work. Call **Bobbie Lynn Swartzman**, 889-7966.

VOUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL PROJECT

Adult volunteers are needed for a summer project in Israel — Yad Beyad. Participate in an enriching and exhilarating experience, teaching English to immigrants in Israel for a two-week period in the summer. Training is provided and you do not have to be a teacher to qualify. English conversation and business English are needed skills for immigrants to get ahead. A limited number of spaces are still available. The cost for volunteers is $1,990 including airfare and accommodation in modern, air-conditioned facilities. For further information, call **Loretta Helman**, 782-2898.

SERIES FOR COUPLES

Holocaust Remembrance committee and Jewish Family and Child Service offer a six-week series for couples where one partner is the child of a survivor. Discuss the common concerns and unique challenges this partnership presents. Series begins May 11. Call **Pnina Spetgang**, 635-2883, or **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215 for details.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces registration is now open for summer courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Evening courses run Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m., June 1 to Aug. 31. All classes are conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Free introductory private lessons for beginners is offered. Instructor for beginner's course is **Joseph Klinger**, educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method in teaching Hebrew in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family and Child Service is offering the following workshops— Surviving Separation (begins May 13); Life Skills Group (begins May 13); and Widows/Widowers (begins May 31). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800.

CANADIAN YOUNG JUDAEA CAMPS

Camp Biluim Canada — parents and campers are invited to an information evening Wednesday, May 12, 8 p.m. at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Meet the staff, learn about the program and its unique spirit.

Camp Solelim — an Open House for rookies (first year campers) and their parents to meet the camp director and staff and discuss camp is set for Monday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Zionist Centre.

Camp Biluim Israel — participants in Biluim Israel Program and their parents are invited to an open house, Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Zionist Centre. Canadian Young Judaea/Biluim Israel will discuss aspects of the Israel program. Do not miss it!

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Camp Solelim — all Camp Solelim campers are invited to a special evening of sports and pizza at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St., Saturday, May 15, 10 p.m. Meet in the main lobby. For more information, phone 781-5156.

BBW/C CHAPTER IN FORMATION

B'nai Brith Women of Canada's Shira chapter for women 30-40 plus is the newest chapter. Most of the members live in mid-town Toronto. Summer programming includes Blue Jay games, picnics and plays. If you want to have a fun-filled summer and meet Jewish women with similar interests in your neighborhood, then this is for you! New members are invited to attend meetings and programs held the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For more information, contact **Eileen Fields**, 630-9313.

ISRAELI DANCE WORKSHOP

Israeli Dance Workshop '93 with **Shmulik Gov-Ari**, popular Israeli folkdance choreographer, takes place Saturday, May 15, and Sunday, May 16, at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St. Saturday session is 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the gym. Sunday sessions are 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30-5 p.m. Studio Theatre. Price is $10 Saturday, $8 Sunday per session, $23 complete workshop. For out-of-towners home hospitality contact **Eyal Anteby**, 738-1457. For further information, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club trips include— Israel Nov. 14-Dec. 1 (note extension to 18 days); Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 11-19 (booking in progress); O'Keefe Centre for ballet *Romeo and Juliet*, May 14; Art Park for *Oliver* June 9, *Damn Yankees* July 22, and *Anything Goes* Aug. 12. Mother's Day luncheon with entertainment is Monday, May 10, 12:30 p.m. Discussion group is being planned. For information on trips and all programs, contact **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

May highlights at **Shalom Village** in Hamilton are— Saturday, May 8, Shabbat service 10 a.m.; Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day concert with **Leon Karan**, 2 p.m.; Monday, May 10, **Luba Mera**, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m; Tuesday, May 11, speaker **Eddie Ben Tzur**, United Israel Appeal, 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 16, Simcha Sunday celebrating birthdays of **Nellie Brown, Norma Leaf** and **Norma Popper** with entertainment by Heritage Players, 2 p.m.; Tuesday, May 25, speaker **Mandy Conlon**, Canadian Hearing Association, 2:30 p.m. For further information, call **Susan Mills**, 528-5377 in Hamilton.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include Niagara-on-the Lake with kosher box lunch and shopping, Tuesday, May 18; shopping trip to Buffalo, June 22 ($20 members only); Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills, July 18; Mother's Day dinner dance Sunday, May 9 ($15 members, $18 non-members); movie *On Golden Pond* with **Katherine Hepburn**, Wednesday, May 12, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members $1). For information on all activities, call 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club special Mother's Day luncheon with entertainment by **Bill Berle** and a singer is Wednesday, May 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre. Ladies dance group meets Thursdays at 1 p.m. Discussion group meets Tuesday mornings at 10. Details of the one-week trip to Catskills and the day trip to Fantasy Island in early July will be announced at the luncheon.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On May 10, the movie, *It's Not Quite a Paradise* (in English) will be screened. This is a story about a kibbutz and foreign volunteers. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Adult Community Services, JCC North Y branch, is offering a trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 20-26. Twin occupancy $793 per person, single occupancy, $915 per person. Call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364, for details.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Centre (LLI) is presenting *A Place to Save Your Life*, a film about the Jewish refugee community in China by independent film-maker **Karen Shopsowitz**, Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m. Members no charge, non-members $1. For further information, call **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

A day trip to see the ballet *Romeo and Juliet* at O'Keefe Centre is arranged Friday, May 14, 2 p.m. Tickets for members $17 at information desk. Tickets available to non-members five days before the event at higher cost. For information, call **Shari**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday, 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Come and join in all the interesting events. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC

South Y Club reunion takes place Sunday, May 16, 8 p.m., at Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). This is a chance to shmooze with old friends, dance to the music of the '50s and '60s, and reminisce about old times. Tickets at $15 are on sale at the north and south Ys. Call **Luni**, 924-6211, for more information.

An art show featuring **Pamela Ozeri's** work is on display through May 24 at the Bloor Y.

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An unusual honor was given to **Ibolya Grossman**, who uses English as a second language. The fourth year graduating class at York University's Life Writing Skills program invited her and her son to participate in the final class luncheon. Her previously published book, *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*, along with some other autobiographies, became compulsory reading for the course. The students were given a project where they had to analyze the writer and the text and almost all of them chose Grossman's book. The students were so impressed by the book, they were anxious to meet her, talk to her and ask her to sign their copies. It was a wonderful and unforgettable experience for Grossman.

SHAAR SHALOM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Shaar Shalom School has announced the appointment of **Karen L. Goodis** as principal, effective August 1. She brings over 20 years experience as a Jewish educator to the position including the past six years as a principal and education director with Temple Har Zion in Thornhill.

Goodis received her BA from Vassar College, a master of science degree in education from the University of Southern California, as well as a master of arts in Hebrew education from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She currently serves on the board of the National Association of Temple Educators.

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Judy Csillag

Between 1956, when the Hungarian-born Csillag arrived in Montreal, to the present, this energetic new executive director of Toronto Women's ORT has held impressive positions both in the Jewish community and outside it. Most recently, she was campaign director for the Jewish Federation in Orange County, Calif., for three years, from which position she came to Toronto ORT.

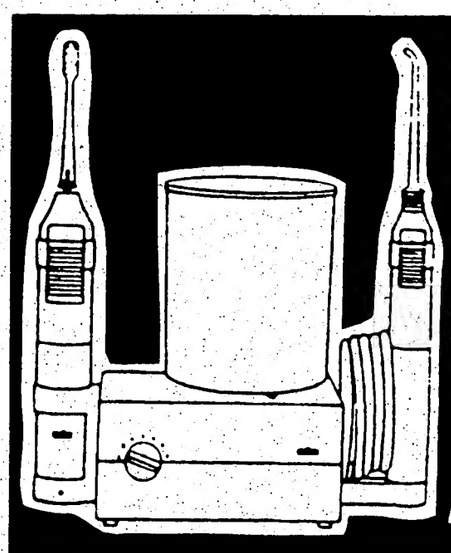
Csillag, who attended Montreal's Concordia University, worked in Montreal for the Bank of Montreal, and by the age of 28 had become manager of an all-female branch of the National Trust Co. in Montreal. Since then, she has managed a credit union, held a fundraising position at State of Israel Bonds, and went on to become executive director of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University for Montreal and Eastern Canada.

PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE

The Young Leadership Network of UJA (YLN) recently participated in the Passover Food Drive sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women and Jewish Family and Child Service. The program, entitled Mitzvah Program '93, allowed 30 UJA fundraisers to participate in a direct service project. Pictured are (from left) Cindy Pink, Heather Milstein, Jeff Levy and Jeff Pike.

READY CLASS

Or Haemet Sephardic School's Senior Kindergarten prepares for Shabbat. From left are Melissa Abbou (mother), Nadav Attar, Amanda Allon, Efrat Shpitz, Rivkah Magazzinich, Rachael Chana Stone and their teacher Naomi Zipori.



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Organizations and People

Israel's religious advances must not be ignored: rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Religious Zionists must work not only for the general welfare of the State of Israel, but for its sanctification as well, asserts Rabbi Walter Wurzburger.

Rabbi Wurzburger, spiritual leader of Congregation Shaaray Tefila of Lawrence, N.Y., and professor of philosophy at Yeshiva University, is the former rabbi of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation in North York.

He was speaking at a lecture entitled Religious Zionism: Vision and Reality, sponsored by Netivot Hatorah Day School, Mizrachi of Canada, and Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill, where the program took place.

Rabbi Wurzburger said there is tremendous religious significance to the establishment of the State of Israel, and we must not take for granted what has been accomplished.

That is not to deny, he said, that there are problems, not just from without, but from the Jewish community as well.

For the first time, he said, the chief rabbi elected was not the candidate of the religious Zionist party, and the ministries of the interior and religion, traditionally its preserve, has been given to the Haredi, the so-called ultra-Orthodox, "who have a negative attitude towards the state, where they accept it, but do not endow it with any religious significance."

As well, he pointed out, Minister of Education Shulamit Aloni of the Meretz party is not only unsympathetic to the religious dimensions of the state, but actively hostile to it.

We don't want a state where religion is merely tolerated, Rabbi Wurzburger said; we want "to establish a state with Torah values." That requires courage, determination, and a willingness to work with the more secular elements in the country.

He quoted his rebbe, the recently deceased Rabbi Jospeh Soloveitchik, as saying both chesed (love) and emet (truth) are needed to build a state.

The rabbi explained this as being proud of the ability to create a viable society, build factories, drain swamps, and have a strong military — but also

Rabbi Walter Wurzburger

that kosher food is served in the army, that Shabbat is recognized, at least officially, and that the central issues of marriage and divorce are governed by religious law.

"The great hope we talk about in *Hatikvah* should not be just to be a free people, but to be a holy people. We don't want to build a normal state; that was Herzl's dream. Our goal is to be different, to be unique."

Religious Zionists, he asserted forcefully, must not feel inferior, or any less authentic than the Haredi.

"There is a general feeling that there is something wrong when an individual wants to operate in two worlds, like religious Zionists do. This is authentic Judaism — provided we are religious Zionists, not just Zionists who observe the mitzvahs."

He took issue with those on the left of the political spectrum, citing particularly writer Yehoshua Leibowitz, who wants a country devoid of religious significance, as well as with those who see the only value of a state as a source of funds for yeshivot.

The Jewish state, he said, is not an absolute value; it is a great value, but it should be seen as the means to attain a state where Torah is the goal of life.

"We should not idolize the state, either — we must use it to bring home to our people an inspiring model of Jewish living."

Seeing Israel, he said, as "an opportunity to sanctify the secular world is in my opinion no less authentic then those who ... see religious Zionism as a compromise with modernity."

He stressed the necessity of overcoming polarization in the ranks of the Orthodox.

"We must be united. The philosophy of religious Zionism is desperately needed unless we want an Israel polarized between a small religious enclave and the rest of the population who aren't at all interested."

In a stirring conclusion, Rabbi Wurzburger said "we won't rest until there is a meeting of creative enterprise in the world with the truth of Torah."

Replying to a complaint from Rabbi Solomon Domb that some congregations are omitting the chief rabbinate's description of Israel as the beginning of the process of redemption, Rabbi Wurzburger said he did not see messianic implications in the state.

"I can find enough significance in Israel without looking for messianic overtones. A wish is a wish, a prayer — and a state is a state."

Netivot HaTorah vice-principal Elliott Diamond greeted the crowd, explaining the annual lecture series is part of the school's marking of Yom Ha'atzmaut with Torah and Mishna and history study, as well as art and music.

Rabbi Wurzburger was introduced by Netivot principal Rabbi Avi Schochet and thanked by Dr. Howard Langer, president of Mizrachi of Canada.

Correction

Oops! In the April 29 issue of *The CJN* we neglected to mention that the cut-off date for the special UJA Walk for Israel $45 t-shirt promotion in celebration of Israel's 45th anniversary was Yom Ha'atzmaut, April 26. There are however, hundreds of other prizes to be won and still time to collect Walk for Israel sponsorship money. The walk will take place on Victoria Day, Monday, May 24.

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Messianic Jewish group heads to Russia

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — A Toronto contingent is among the largest-ever messianic Jewish outreach project travelling to St. Petersburg to spread the word among Russian Jews that Jesus is the messiah.

But Jews for Judaism, a counter-missionary group that holds classes on how to refute missionaries, is fighting back.

A half-dozen messianic Jews from Toronto will join over 80 of their counterparts from around the world May 8-17 in St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad), home to about 250,000 Jews.

They will take part in "street witnessing," preaching and "sharing the good news of Y'Shua (Jesus)," according to a flyer mailed out by Zev Isaacs, publisher of the Toronto-based newspaper *The Messianic Times*. Isaacs will be leading the Toronto group along with Baruch Goldstein, spiritual leader of the messianic Congregation Melech Yisrael and a former head of Jews for Jesus in Toronto.

The trip is "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to 'save' Russian Jews," said the flyer, which also appealed for funds.

Isaacs will be distributing 25,000 Russian-language copies of his paper in St. Petersburg. As well, three messianic gospel groups will be holding evening concerts.

Jews for Judaism founder Julius Ciss said the trip amounts to a "spiritual rape" of Russian Jews, "and they won't even know it.

"It's very deceptive. [The messianic Jews] are going under the guise of Judaism, as a kosher package. Russian Jews are the easiest prey for this because they have so little Jewish identity. They're being sold a false bill of goods.

Trip amounts to a 'spiritual rape': Ciss

"It's disgusting," Ciss said.

Ciss has sent Jews for Judaism books, video tapes and audio cassettes to the chief rabbi of St. Petersburg, Rabbi Mendel Pewzner, for distribution among the local Jewish population.

He's also sent photographs of the Toronto messianic Jews, referred to by Ciss as Hebrew-Christians, so they can be recognized and confronted.

The Israel-based counter-missionary group Yad L'Achim has denounced the trip as a "Christian missionary drive."

Isaacs denies he is Christian.

"I'm a Jew who believes in Y'Shua," he told *The CJN*. "I'm not a missionary."

The trip worries Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, spiritual leader of Toronto's Russian-Jewish community.

"It's not good," he told *The CJN*.

Since the collapse of Communism, Russian Jews have become targets for evangelical Christians, messianic Jews and other missionizing groups, Rabbi Zaltzman said. In Russian cities, "they're on every street corner."

Russian Jews are targeted by these groups because so many of them have had little or no affiliation with Judaism and are not equipped spiritually to handle proselytizers, he explained.

In Toronto, more and more Russian Jews are turning to Jesus, Isaacs said. There are about a dozen Russians at Congregation Melech Yisrael and over 50 at Chosen People Ministries, another Toronto messianic group, he said.

In Russia, Isaacs added, there are messianic Jewish congregations in Kiev, Odessa and Moscow.

North York to be honored

TORONTO — The city of North York will be among the honorees at the forty-first annual dinner of Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah, an all-boys Orthodox day school located in the Bathurst and Lawrence area.

The dinner will be held at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill on June 8.

According to school spokesman Rabbi Sholom Blau, North York, which has been home to the yeshiva for over 30 years, has extended assistance to the school on numerous occasions. "We wanted to recognize the municipality by giving it this special salute," Rabbi Blau said.

Mayor Mel Lastman is scheduled to attend to receive the award on behalf of city council.

Special tribute will also be made to the memory of Rabbi Lipa Wechter, who, until his death over three years ago, was the rabbinic authority and spiritual mentor of the school.

The Ateres Zekeimim, grandparents of the year award, will go to Mr. and Mrs. Peretz Friedberg, while Rabbi and Mrs. Ahron Hoch will receive the mesores avos, parents of the year, award.

A commemorative journal will be published, and the community is invited to take part in saluting the honorees by placing tribute messages in it.

"The journal is a crucial fundraising undertaking of the school, helping it to achieve financial stability in these hard economic times," said Rabbi Blau.

Yeshiva Yesodei Hatorah serves the educational needs of nearly 600 boys, from Kindergarten through Grade 8.

"It is held in high esteem not only in the Toronto area, but worldwide, as an institution which represents the highest standards of Torah education," said the release.

For more information, to take part in the journal, or to reserve, call the school at 787-1101.

Eye on Arts

Health care professionals from hospitals across Toronto are warming up their vocal cords and trading surgical instruments for musical instruments for their high calibre extravanganza Lifebeat '93 on May 6-8 at 8 p.m. at Hart House Theatre. This year proceeds will go to the Fife House Foundation which provides supportive housing for people living with AIDS and HIV infection.

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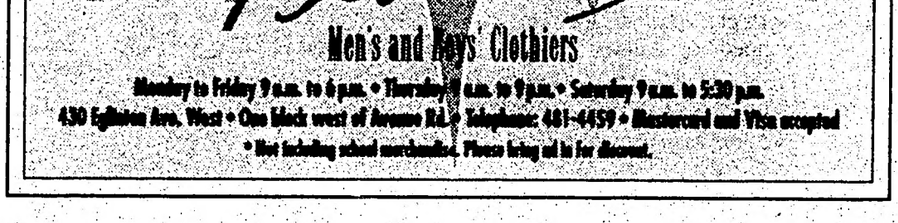

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Organizations and People

War seen as major factor in shaping Israeli experience

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — There really is such a thing as an Israeli psyche, as Hamilton Na'amat members recently learned from a talk by Dr. Nick Kates on some of the forces that have shaped the Israeli experience.

Associate professor of psychiatry at McMaster University and director of its psychiatric training program as well as director of east region mental health services and co-ordinator of psychiatric services for Hamilton-Wentworth, Kates spoke at a Na'amat meeting at the home of Michelle Gold Myerson and chaired by president Sharon Marcovitz Hart.

Born in London, Kates first went to Israel on a one-year Habonim program at Kibbutz Beth Emek before taking up medical studies at the University of London. In 1978 he came to McMaster for his residency in psychiatry and has remained here ever since.

Last year, with his wife, Jan Hastie,and children, Catherine, 9, and Jonathan, 7, he spent a five-month sabbatical in Israel studying its mental health services.

The first thing to be taken into account when looking at the many and very disparate forces that have shaped the Israeli experience, he said, is war.

The 1948 war, for instance, was "a war of survival, where self-reliance, creativity and the need to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds were important factors" in how Israelis perceived themselves.

The image Israelis had of themselves following the 1967 War, "that Israel was the invincible underdog that can take on the world," is still powerful, although, he said, subsequent events, particularly military experiences, "have started to shake this."

The Gulf War, as traumatic in its residual effects as any other war, led to "the realization that many of the arguments about the need to maintain territory for peace no longer hold true," and the intifada, now in its 6th year, "is another sort of war."

One of the intifada's major effects has been the fact that "every man serving in the army has had to serve in the territories," carrying out "a military task that is really quite alien to anything they were prepared for."

Kates was also struck by the degree of anti-Arab feeling on the part of Israelis — irrespective of political stripes — and the much stronger sense of fear he encountered last year than on previous visits.

The Holocaust played an important part in the Israeli experience, especially during the early settlement period, and interestingly, he noted, the initial "never again" reaction to the Holocaust was later fanned by Prime Minister Menachem Begin and the Likud "to present an image of Israel as continuing victim, the slightly paranoid view of the world as a hostile place and that we must do everything we can to prevent it from happening again."

And while in the early days there was glorification of Jewish heroism and "the contrast between Jews who went passively to their death and Jews who fought and resisted," today's view of the Holocaust is a much greater awareness of the culture of the ghetto and the factors that made it so much harder for Jews to resist.

A turning point in this view, explained Kates, was the '73 War, when for the first time in Israel history, there was the sense that no matter how well armed and prepared, Israel was still vulnerable.

And a most recent example of the change undergone by Israelis in how they relate to the Holocaust, he said, was the Gulf War.

Another significant factor in the Israeli experience, particularly with regard to social policy, was the different view of Israel of each wave of immigrants.

Holocaust survivors, for instance, had a very different view of what Israel meant to them than the Jews from Arab lands, who had a much more hostile and angry view of their Arab neighbors.

Another aspect of the Israeli psyche is the change in the relationship between Orthodox and secular Jews.

He was struck, he said, by the degree of polarization between them and "quite surprised at the degree of intolerance on both sides."

Kates also noted that Jerusalem is very quickly becoming an Orthodox city as many of the middle class, non-Orthodox Jews, are moving out.

Orthodox Jews, "ranging from 'fairly middle-of-the-road to extremists who don't recognize the State of Israel, are close to having a majority on Jerusalem council," he said.

Reconstructionist synagogue celebrates 20th anniversary

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — What began as a discussion group that explored alternative forms of Judaism is now marking its 20th anniversary as Toronto's sole but booming Reconstructionist synagogue.

Members of Congregation Darchei Noam will kick up their heels this weekend to celebrate the milestone. Planned for Shabbat morning are two lectures and for Saturday night, a members-only dinner/dance.

Judaism's rarely-mentioned fourth stream has obviously struck a chord in Toronto. Darchei Noam, one of two Reconstructionist synagogues in Canada, boasts almost 200 member households and has grown at an enviable rate of 25 percent in each of the past three years.

Often thought of as radically liberal and to the left of Reform, Reconstructionism actually grew out of the Conservative movement, Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker, Darchei Noam's spiritual leader, told *The CJN*.

Today, Reconstructionism offers "an eclectic mix of traditional Judaism and modernity," Rabbi Pinsker explained. He describes the movement as "Jewish humanism writ large."

The philosophy of Reconstructionism was first put forward in 1922 by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, which trains Conservative rabbis. Rabbi Kaplan advocated a complete reconstruction of Jewish prayer and ritual.

But more than that, he conceived of a whole new program for Jewish life, stressing every aspect of Jewish activity. The synagogue, he argued, must function as a sort of nerve centre, where any Jew might find expression for all Jewish and related activities. Judaism to Rabbi Kaplan and his followers was an evolving civilization and not just a set of beliefs and practices. Judaism's whole, he posited, is greater than the sum of its parts.

Reconstructionism emphasizes full egalitarianism between men and women and shuns the concept of a hierarchy in Judaism. The community is stressed over the individual, or as Rabbi Pisker said, the focus is on peoplehood rather than people. Thus, Reconstructionists were early and ardent Zionists, well before Reform Jews.

All references to the choseness of Jews are excised from Reconstructionist thought, as is the concept of a messiah, which "is up for grabs," Rabbi Pinsker added. The whole approach is distinctly intellectual and progressive.

It was in the late 1960s and early '70s when some Toronto Jews got together as a chavurah (a small group that meets for discussion and religious services). They were persuaded by Rabbi Levy Becker of Montreal's Reconstructionist shul, Dorshei Emet, to form a congregation.

That happened in 1973 and members of Darchei Noam began meeting in homes and at the Jewish Community Centre. In 1989, the synagogue moved into the ground floor of the B'nai Brith building at 15 Hove St. in Downsview, where it evidently intends to stay: the congregation recently signed a 10-year lease and raised over $100,000 for a new sanctuary and offices.

Today, Darchei Noam offers a full array of services and activities. Bar and bat mitzvahs and weddings are performed and there is a nascent youth group. Women may wear tallit and read from the Torah.

The "problem" now facing the synagogue is how to handle its growth, said president Mark Hundert. While the target is 250 household members, the congregation risks losing its intimacy and cozy atmosphere if it gets too big, Hundert said.

Call Darchei Noam at (416) 638-4783 for more information.

Toronto's Nagel beats odds

JERUSALEM — Toronto's Lisa Nagel beat the international odds last week by being chosen one of the top 15 finalists in the world Bible contest.

Nagel, a 16-year-old student at Ulpanot Orot girls' school, represented Canada in the prestigious Torah competition held here April 26.

Fifty-five participants from all corners of the globe vied against the favored Israeli contingent. While the top finisher was from Israel, making it to the finals is considered a mark of supreme academic achievement. The event was carried on national television.

Nagel had been learning with school principal Rabbi Moshe Rachimi for more than a year before the big day. She described her intense study as a "daily thing . . . something definite to accomplish."

When she arrived at Ben Gurion airport on April 15, it was the first time Nagel had stepped foot in Israel. Her first impression? "It's spectacular," she said.

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York student changes plans to work for Rabbi Weiss

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Pesach Wolicki, 23, had firm plans to move to Israel following his graduation this year from York University. Instead, he has just moved to New York to work for Amcha: The Coalition for Jewish Concerns and its founder/president, Rabbi Avi Weiss.

"This is a worthwhile reason" to delay his aliyah plans, Wolicki told *The CJN* during an interview at the Jewish Students' Network Canada office before his departure. Network, the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students, played a pivotal role in Wolicki's change of plans.

At the organization's national convention in Montreal last December, Wolicki, intrigued by guest speaker Rabbi Weiss' combined Orthodoxy and activism, decided to approach him. Pesach, the Cleveland-born youngest son of Rabbi Jerome Wolicki (formerly of St-Laurent's Beth Ora congregation), finds it disturbing not to see greater participation in Jewish political activism within the Orthodox community.

Pesach Wolicki

Rabbi Weiss has provoked controversy in recent years by protesting in front of the Carmelite convent at Auschwitz and lobbying for the release of former U.S. Navy analyst Jonathan Pollard, imprisoned for life for spying for Israel.

Before hearing the rabbi speak, Wolicki expected "a hothead. To my surprise, he seemed like a very nice guy. I liked what he stood for." Wolicki and Rabbi Weiss ended up talking for a long time, and Wolicki discovered that the rabbi and his father had worked together some 20 years ago, doing leadership seminars at Camp Moshava in Ontario.

Wolicki, noting the similarities between Network's and Amcha's approaches to activism, proposed that Network serve as an unofficial liaison for Amcha in Canada. "We can help each other," he told the rabbi.

When Rabbi Weiss spoke at York University in January, Wolicki interviewed him for *Future Tense*, the Network publication of which he was editor.

Eventually Rabbi Weiss offered Wolicki a job with Amcha. He is replacing Kalman Sporn as Amcha co-ordinator for the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut area, running the New York office (one of three in the United States), and serving as personal secretary for Rabbi Weiss in his Amcha duties. Rabbi Weiss is also spiritual leader of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in the Bronx, N.Y.

Wolicki's decision to postpone aliyah was not taken lightly. "If I don't raise my [future] family in Israel, I'm passing the buck," he said. "I knew from the youngest age I was going to make aliyah. This is the way I was raised."

The depth of Wolicki's Jewish commitment is evident. Until his departure last week, he served as a shomer for Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, reciting psalms during a weekly 36-hour shift.

Last year, he spent five weeks in Estonia with a Yeshiva University program, working as a teacher and Jewish community program organizer in Tallinn.

Before entering York University, Wolicki spent two years studying at a yeshiva in Israel, where his parents have lived for the past several years.

"Pesach has unlimited concern for Am Yisrael," said Rabbi Weiss. "He understands the spirituality of activism, and we're really looking forward to his being with us."

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The name of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) student Viva Press was misspelled in the April 8 edition of *The CJN*. We regret the typographical error.

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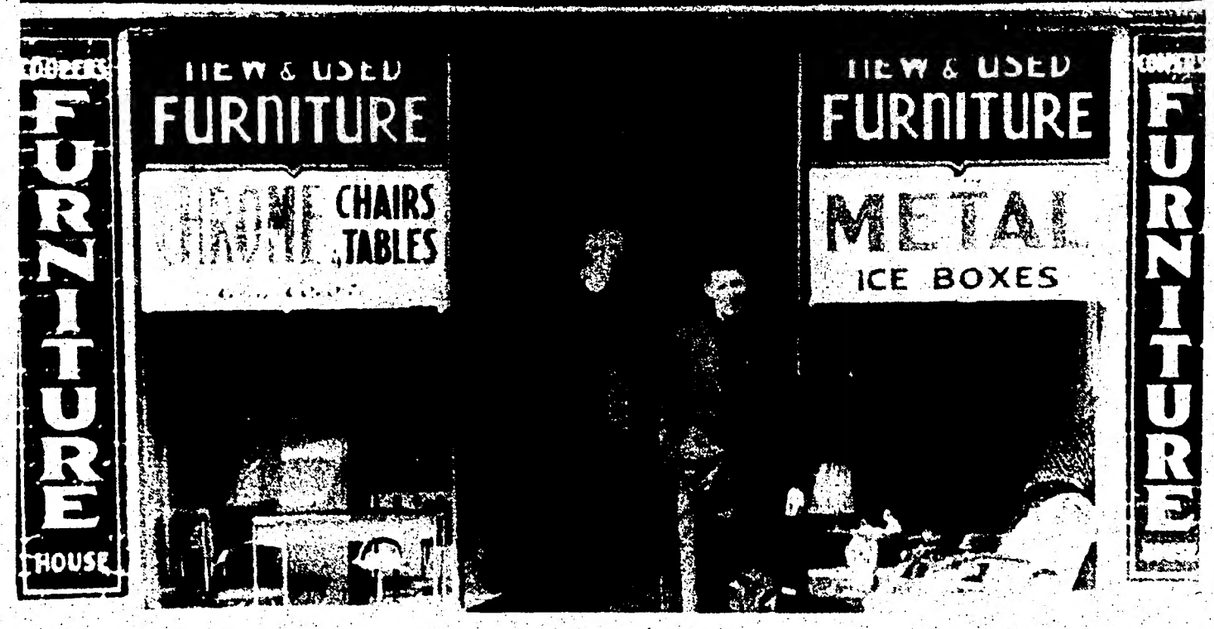

Jack Cooper in front of the store in the early years.

Toronto company boasts 50 years, four generations

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Long before home computers and the Toronto subway, Cooper Office Supply Co. Limited was established at 379 Queen St. West in Toronto.

Celebrating its 50th year in business and into the fourth generation of Coopers, the landmark location continues its tradition of excellence, says David Cooper, president of the family business.

His father, Jack Cooper, opened a used furniture store 50 years ago and shortly after, his grandfather, Irving Cooper, a successful furniture entrepreneur in Belleville, Ont., joined his son. Within a few years, the business evolved into an office furniture business.

Looking through their 1958 catalogue which displays metal desks priced at $26.95, David remarks that many things have changed since then. "In the early days, Cooper's established Canada's largest mail-order office furniture business. Back then, when names on a mailing list were printed on a metal addressograph plate, Cooper's mailing list contained more than a million separate addresses.

Staff are like an extended family. When David was 5, Bud Garrels joined Cooper's as the company's first road salesman. "Today, Bud is our vice-president," David says. Kay Daly, who headed up the Hamilton branch, ran the operation for more than 30 years until her retirement. And Brian Walker, who became a manager of the Vancouver operation 20 years ago, now owns the store and operates Cooper's Office Supply (B.C.) Ltd. as an independent operation.

David, now 45, joined his father and grandfather in the business in 1966. He left several years later when he and his wife Deborah decided to establish a successful bulk food store. David notes that it was the "first of its kind in Canada — long before Loblaws made it fashionable." In 1984, David's father asked him to return to the business.

David's son Eli, 13, helps out on the switchboard occasionally and 11-year-old Noah is patiently waiting his turn.

'One door closes and another door opens' was the favourite saying of Irving Cooper. "Many doors have closed and many have opened in the past 50 years for Cooper's Office Furniture and I look forward to whatever challenges lie ahead," says David.

Baycrest Centre receives four-year accreditation

TORONTO — Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in North York is the first geriatric and long-term care organization in Canada to receive a four-year accreditation from the Canadian Council on Health Facilities Accreditation (CCHFA). The Council evaluates the quality of care and services at health facilities across the country.

Baycrest, which serves 2,000 elderly clients each day through a variety of residential and day programs, as well as in- and out-patient services and services in the home, received a four-year accreditation with distinction after an extensive peer-review process which took place last December.

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Herbert says the award is especially significant because long-term care for the elderly is undergoing a transformation due to several factors — for example, changes in the elderly population, the changing structure of the family unit, advances in treatment and technology, decreases in funding, and the reform of the long-term care system.

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Former Israeli PM to address Winnipeg Negev Dinner

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Former Israeli Prime Minister and Likud Party leader Yitzhak Shamir will be in Winnipeg on June 22 as the principal speaker at the annual Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Dinner, the largest annual event of its kind in North America.

This year, dinner organizers are honoring the Simkin family, founders of BACM Industries, one of western Canada's biggest construction and development companies. This is the first time the dinner has honored an entire family rather than individuals of distinction.

Jenny Cohen, Clara Erlichman, Jim, Saul, Israel (Blackie) and Abe Simkin mirror the history and development of Winnipeg's Jewish community. The children of Samuel and Fanny Simkin who came to Winnipeg from Russia in 1908, the Simkins grew up on a farm near Winnipeg amidst other struggling Jewish, Ukrainian and Polish farmers.

While eking out a living, Samuel Simkin brought other Jewish families over from the old country to a house he had built on the farm and, along with the neighbors, hired Jewish teachers for the children. The parents instilled a sense of family obligation and interdependence in their children and all worked in co-operation with their neighbors while building a reputation for integrity.

In 1928, the family lost the farm to foreclosure and moved into Winnipeg. Samuel Simkin acquired a truck, horses, a wagon and a sleigh and became a fuel merchant. Business prospered even though Simkin never refused cordwood or coal during the Depression for those who couldn't pay. The trucking business also began to develop.

After the war, with natural gas and fuel oil replacing coal and cordwood, Saul and Blackie began using their trucks for construction activity. They also started buying war surplus tractors and road equipment to sell. When customers became scarce, they used the equipment themselves and became road builders throughout Manitoba. As the road building business grew, Saul led the family into building materials and supplies and, with youngest brother Abe, a lawyer, into land development and housing.

Under Blackie's leadership, BACM Industries Ltd. (the result of a merger between Simkin's Construction Company and other companies) helped build every major airport in western Canada and was involved in mining projects and major hydro electric developments throughout the country.

In 1978, when the brothers retired from active management and the company merged with Genstar Ltd., BACM had 10,000 employees and was the 18th largest public company in Canada. It had pre-cast concrete plants in every major city in the West and was building 5,000 single family homes a year in Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Through the years, the sisters and brothers have remained close-knit. They have always lived near each other both in Winnipeg and Palm Springs and shared yom tovim together with their 18 children.

The Simkin family were founders and continue to be supporters of the Rosh Pina Congregation, north Winnipeg's largest synagogue, and have supported almost every Jewish institution in the community and many in Israel. Over the years, they have funded major projects in Israel in support of the JNF.

JNF dinner to aid B.C. Forest

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — The British Columbia Forest in Israel will be enhanced by a "Victoria grove" of trees as a result of this city's Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Dinner, to be held May 30 at the Jewish Community Centre.

The honorees are the Siegel family — Howie and his wife Marion, a younger brother, David, the mother, Celia and sister Gail. Formerly of Brooklyn, the Siegels moved to Los Angeles and even though they now live in different cities, "we operate all the time as a family," said Howie, who started the trek to Victoria about 15 years ago. David followed a couple of years later.

Celia and Gail still live in Los Angeles but Celia spends much of her time here and has her own apartment in Victoria. She's a Life Member of Hadassah in L.A. Gail visits here frequently.

The Siegels are involved in many parts of the Jewish and general community, says David Katz, who with Colleen Gibbings is co-ordinating the dinner. "They prefer to work behind the scenes and don't look for public recognition," he said. "But we know they're there — and can always count on them to help with community activities."

The family has long been supporters of the JNF and established a grove in memory of their father, Solomon, at the first-ever Negev Dinner held here three years ago.

Katz says this second Negev Dinner will have "a distinct Victoria flavor — it will be different from the usual Negev Dinner format." Several national officers are expected as they will be attending the annual JNF meeting in Vancouver that day and will adjourn early so they can get to the dinner.

The Siegels contribute generously. "If we get a request for funds from a Jewish organization, we give," said David. "We love helping." He added that "we've never turned down a request from Harry Brown." Brown is considered the community's principal fundraiser for all causes.

The Siegels operate two restaurants in Victoria, one in nearby Nanaimo and will be opening a third in Victoria. In addition, they operate the Roxy Cine-gog, an independent movie house which shows mainly art films and holds three film festivals a year, many of the movies having Jewish themes. They bought the theatre from Toronto's Nat Taylor. And despite advice from friends that the movie business was a dud, the Roxy has been profitable from the first day, said Howie.

The Siegels also operate the Yentel Property Management Co., to handle their portfolio of local real estate. One of their apartment houses is named after Solomon.

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Organizations and People

Israeli scene proves fascinating for CBC's Paul Workman

By RON CSILLAG

Paul Workman

TORONTO — For a journalist, Paul Workman is refreshingly candid. He admits he had "no idea" where the occupied territories were when he first began reporting from Israel for CBC's *The National* in late 1987.

In fact, he adds, he was "shocked" to discover that Palestinians and indeed much of the world consider eastern Jerusalem to be occupied.

For followers of television news coverage of Israel and the Middle East, Workman is a household name. Ask around and you may also hear words like "integrity" and "fair" used to describe the 43-year-old reporter — no small accomplishment considering how much vitriol Mideast reporting has come in for from Jewish groups and pro-Israel lobbies in the past ten years.

Workman knows all too well the minefield he stepped into when he was appointed *The National*'s full-time Mideast correspondent in 1990, replacing Jean-Francois Lepine.

Workman's heard all it all before: the charges of anti-Israel bias, of blowing the Arab-Israeli conflict out of proportion because of the media's preoccupation with Israel, of a media "double standard" when it comes to reporting on Israel versus other nations with Muslim minorities.

But according to the CBC, complaints about its coverage of Israel have tapered off in recent years, likely because of the media's new emphasis on the former Yugoslavia but perhaps due to Workman's even-handedness.

And despite his best efforts, Workman feels Canadians still do not understand the Middle East as well as they should.

"For years, many people thought of Israel as a pariah," Workman told *The CJN* during a brief Toronto stopover last week. "All the news from the territories showed was how many were killed and wounded in the intifada."

But the Gulf War a long way toward changing Israel's image, he feels.

"When Israel didn't retaliate against the Scud attacks, that brought about a lot of sympathy."

Workman dismisses the argument that Israel is overblown in the media. As a democracy, Israel must allow foreign journalists unrestricted freedom to work. "I can't think of another country in which the foreign press office allows reporters to wear a pager and beeps you whenever there's a stabbing or an incident.

"Israelis cherish a free press. There is constant public scrutiny even in the Hebrew press," Workman said.

Workman replaced Lepine at an opportune time: one week after Iraq invaded Kuwait. Since the Gulf War, he has filed stories from Iraq, Egypt and Jordan and found that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is still very much in control.

But in Israel, it is peace people want, and soon.

"There's a feeling that if a peace agreement is not reached this year, then the opportunity will be lost," Workman said. "There's a sense that something must be done soon.

"Polls show people are optimistic about peace. And they also show people believe that hanging on to the territories will be more dangerous than a peace settlement."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Workman feels, would win an election today despite the charismatic new leader of the opposition Likud, Benjamin Netanyahu.

"Likud is still badly divided. There's no real support for Netanyahu yet."

And increasingly, Israeli leaders believe that there first must be a peace reached with the Palestinians, then with the Syrians, Workman said.

As for Israel's December expulsion of 415 Palestinians suspected of being members of Hamas, "most people think it was badly handled. Israelis feel very strongly about justice."

But Workman allows that the heavy television coverage of the deportees was one-sided.

"It wasn't entirely fair. They were suffering but their staying there was a political act. The conditions were horrible but no one was starving to death."

A Ryerson Journalism School graduate and former senior Quebec correspondent for the CBC, Workman is based in Jerusalem with his wife, Helen Fisher, and their 10-year-old daughter Caitlin, who attends the city's French school, the Lycee.

"At first, I was surprised at how religious Israeli society is. I didn't know that buses don't run and that stores are closed on Saturday. I didn't appreciate how much power the rabbis really have," he said.

Hebrew, or Workman's lack of it, isn't a problem. CBC's Jerusalem bureau has three other employees who speak the language and mostly everyone speaks English. When he enters the Gaza Strip or an Arab settlement on the West Bank, personal safety becomes a consideration.

Ideally, Workman would like to end his tour by covering a peace treaty. "I was there for the beginning of the intifada and I'd love to see a peace settlement."

Israel "is an intense and difficult place but also fascinating, on both sides.

"It's been such a tremendous story."

Mount Sinai appoints two new top officials

TORONTO — Mount Sinai Hospital has annouced the appointments of a new president and chief operating officer.

Theodore J. Freedman became president and chief executive officer on April 1, while Joseph Mapa assumed the role of executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

Freedman received his B.Sc. in pharmacy from the University of Manitoba in 1965 and a graduate degree in health administration from the University of Toronto in 1970. He has won the Eugenie M. Stuart Award of Merit for demonstrated excellence in teaching skills in the Health Administration Program. He was the hospital's chief operating officer.

Theodore J. Freedman

Mapa is a graduate of U of T's Department of Health Administration, in addition to holding a BA and a B.Ed. from the university. His most recent position was that of corporate vice-president.

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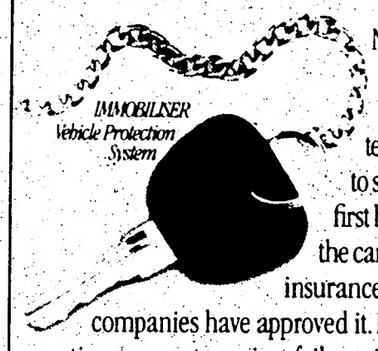

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Russian Jewish wrestler hopes for gold at Maccabiah Games

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Take this name down: Oleg Ladik.

You should remember it because Ladik, in all likelihood, will come back from Israel's Maccabiah Games this July with a gold medal in freestyle wrestling in his weight class, 100-kilos.

You should also put it in your memory banks because, at the ripe age of 21, Ladik recently won the World Cup in wrestling in Tunisia. He is also an excellent bet to garner gold at the next summer Olympic Games three years down the line in Atlanta.

As you can probably tell from the name, Ladik is a Russian. He is also a Jew, and is now a Canadian landed immigrant since last year.

Before settling here — he left his parents and a brother behind in Kiev — Ladik was five-time Soviet national champion and he earned a plethora of other titles, including junior European champion, the junior World Cup, the 1990 World Cup Espoirs, and last year's Canada Cup.

Maybe the best news is that he is being trained by veteran Montreal Wrestling Club (MWC) coach Victor Zilberman, who met Ladik for the first time at a meet in Czechoslavakia and was so impressed with him that he invited him to come to Canada to train at the MWC.

Zilberman's track record for honing wrestlers to the Olympic level is unparalleled, so you can expect the young wrestler's natural talent really to soar.

Ladik's been wrestling since age 9, and he says it took him about five years to realize he had real talent. He still speaks barely any English or French (he is taking lessons). But interviewed through a translator — Zilberman — the strapping Ladik acknowledged that Zilberman is a tough coach. "But if the coach is not demanding, I might not push myself."

Less regimented

The reason for the increased need for self-motivation is rooted in a difference in Russian and North American coaching styles.

In Russia, training is full time, and wrestlers "practically sleep" at the training centres, Ladik said. The North American style is less regimented, so Ladik has also had to rely on his own motivational resources to keep up the pace.

But Zilberman says Ladik's track record in the international arena and his strong work ethics have already given him a maturity belying his years, and therefore a possible edge in his age group. At the moment, says the coach, "he's my best wrestler," part of a new generation of talent that could dominate the sport over the next decade.

The regimen is rigorous. Ladik wrestles four mornings a week at the MWC, and conditions the other three: swimming, weight-training, and aerobics.

Afternoons, Ladik is in school, then back to the club for more training.

He eats everything, and tries to find time to watch his favorite sport, hockey. At writing, he was rooting for the Pittsburgh Penguins to do well in the playoffs (Mario Lemieux is his hero).

The person Ladik is most grateful to since coming to Montreal is George Reinitz, a one-time Canadian national champion and head of Jaymar Furniture who has been supporting him and been a steadfast booster of local Jewish talent.

Ladik speaks to his family regularly in Kiev and does miss them.

He interrupted his studies in physical education at the university in Kiev to pursue his amateur career.

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Lufthansa in Israel marking 25th year

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TEL AVIV — Lufthansa German Airlines will mark its 25th anniversary in Israel by paying homage to a renowned Jewish artist.

Later this year, Lufthansa will sponsor an exhibit of the works of painter Marc Chagall (1887-1985) at the Israel Museum.

Chagall — who was born in Russia and lived in France — was famous for his portrayal of Jewish life in Eastern Europe, which is widely served by Lufthansa. (At present, Lufthansa offers over 250 weekly flights to 16 cities in 14 countries there.)

Lufthansa entered the Israeli market on Nov. 3, 1968, about three years after Israel and Germany established formal diplomatic relations.

Since then, Lufthansa has flown two million passengers to the Jewish state, according to Izhak Zaroni, Lufthansa's public relations manager in Israel.

"By any definition, Lufthansa in Israel is a story of success," he said.

Recently, Lufthansa added a 12th weekly flight to Ben-Gurion Airport, making it the foreign airline with the largest number of weekly flights to and from Israel.

There are eight flights to Frankfurt and four to Munich.

In an interview at company headquarters at the corner of Allenby and Ben-Yehuda, Zaroni said Lufthansa flies more passengers to Israel than any other European carrier.

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Last year, 166,640 passengers flew to Israel with Lufthansa, a 57 percent increase over 1991.

Lufthansa, he noted, was the last foreign airline to suspend service to Israel before the Gulf War. This occurred on Jan. 15, 1991, less than two days prior to hostilities.

Lufthansa was also the first carrier to resume flights after the war, on March 1.

The mid-morning flight from Frankfurt — Lufthansa's home base — to Tel Aviv takes 3½ hours.

Security at Frankfurt Airport — the biggest in continental Europe — is extremely tight.

Passengers must submit their suitcases and handbags to a rigorous, painstaking inspection. Even personal cameras are checked.

On my flight, an armored vehicle, and four armed border policemen, surrounded the DC-10 parked on the tarmac.

In the spacious business class section, there is a selection of German, English and Hebrew newspapers and magazines for the passengers' perusal.

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Lufthansa German Airlines was the first foreign airline to resume service to Israel after the 1991 Gulf War.

TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

It's April 27. A Tuesday. As you can see, I'm writing my column almost a week in advance. Very unusual. You might even say bizarre. Or you might be thinking, "What's the **Butcher Man** up to?"

I confess. There is a reason. On this Tuesday morning and for the past many Tuesday mornings, the temperature has been cold enough to make me want to start drinking--perish the thought--cocoa. My calendar for this day reads April 27, just a few days shy of May 1. Now May 1 may not have any significance for many of you, but for me, it's the first Saturday in May and that can only mean one thing to we who belong to the highly presitigious **Reprobates Club.** It's **Kentucky Derby** day and that means the **Butcher Man** will be mounting his mighty steed and galloping off to **Louisville, Kentucky** to again drink Mint Juleps with the horsey crowd, trade tall tales with the "real" people on the backstretch and **Texas Two-Step** the night away with with some fetching filly. Plus enjoy temperatures that we only dream about this time of year.

So that, my friends, is why I'm here this Tuesday trying to think of something to write that might interest you. It's a difficult task. If you weren't so fickle...

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Let's try this. I received a letter from the **Kibbutz Aliya Desk** in **New York** last week with some exciting news about summer programs. The **Kibbutz Program Center**, as it is called, has summer programs ranging from four to 10 weeks. And each program has a distinctive focus and flavor. Listen to this.

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Just reading this makes me harken back to my younger days when I scuba-dived amongst the reefs of the **Red Sea** playing hide-and-seek with a pesky killer shark; rode madly across the desert on my trusty camel with a band of **Bedouins** in hot pursuit; and dug in the sand until my fingers bled looking for that quarter I dropped, while my colleagues on the dig cheered me on. Ah, sweet youth. But I digress.

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Arts

Cup Final successfully weaves passions of war, sports

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Toronto Jewish Film Festival

It would seem at first glance that sports and war have nothing in common, but on further reflection, both trigger immense passions and commitment to a cause.

Eran Riklis uses these similarities to good effect in *Cup Final*, which was screened at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

Cup Final manoeuvres cleverly between the 1982 World Cup soccer competition in Spain and the war in Lebanon. It's an intriguing mix with an enduring message: whatever our glaring differences, we're still human beings.

This instructive Israeli film is set during the second week of the war, when Palestinian forces had been all but routed from southern Lebanon. An Israeli armored personnel carrier enters a village, and suddenly, gunfire erupts. Within seconds, rockets ignite the Israelis' vehicle. The only survivors are two reservists, Cohen (Moshe Ivgi) and Galili (no credit given).

Cohen, the central figure in *Cup Final*, is an ordinary fellow and anything but a war hero. Cohen, an ardent soccer fan, would rather be in Spain, watching his favorite team, Italy. In fact, he was bound for Spain when he was called up for military duty. Cohen has the tickets in his wallet, but now they're totally useless because he has been taken prisoner by a retreating band of eight Palestinian fighters.

The Palestinians are led by Ziad (Muhammad Bacri), a manly but soft-spoken leader who cradles a deadly Kalashnikov. Ziad's purpose is to beat a retreat to Beirut, under seige by the Israeli army, and to trade his prisoners for Palestinian POWs.

At first, Ziad's men treat Cohen and Galili with less than respect and hardly in accordance with the Geneva Conventions. But as time passes, the tension deflates. Abu Ayash, the only Hebrew-speaker among the Palestinians, good humoredly pokes fun at gefilte fish.

After an incident in which Galili is shot, the situation settles down again. As they rest in a ruined house, Cohen and the Palestinians discuss the ongoing World Cup. To their mutual delight, Cohen and Ziad discover that they're both rooting for Italy.

But, of course, the basic antagonisms remain. After learning that Cohen is from the Tel Aviv suburb of Holon, one of the Palestinians claims, wrongly but bitterly, that it was built on the ruins of a Palestinian settlement. It's clear that the past haunts Israelis and Palestinians.

Despite such discord, Cohen and all but one of his captors get along famously, as they watch a succession of World Cup games on TV on their march toward the encircled Lebanese capital. Israeli forces pass them by, and Cohen's attempts at escaping are easily foiled.

Cup Final is not without wicked humor. In one sharply-realized scene, two of the Palestinians make off with a supply of pharmaceuticals from an Israeli clinic by pretending to be members of the Phalange, the Lebanese Christian militia which fought on Israel's side. In another episode, Cohen joins in the incongruous festivities of an Arab wedding, held in spite of the war.

Ultimately, Ziad's band of guerrillas faces capture by the Israelis. "The game is over," says Cohen aptly. But Ziad is not about to give up the fight.

As they get closer to Beirut, and as Italy advances to the World Cup final, Cohen's relations with Ziad grow warmer. By no means is it a friendship. But in their budding relationship are the seeds of mutal respect and affection.

Cup Final, which is distinguished by fine performances and a workmanlike script, never becomes mushy. In the end, it succeeds in driving home the crucial point that, regardless of origin and politics, we must share the same planet.

Muhamad Bacri in Cup Final

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Arts

Winnipeg theatre takes new direction with play

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The premiere staging of *The Escape* last month marked a new direction for the 6-year-old Winnipeg Jewish Theatre (WJT).

"We had a group of younger adults who went into the schools at one time," said Marly Zaslov, the WJT's general manager, "but this is the first time that we have put on a real professional play for young people."

The 45-minute drama, directed by Steven Schipper, artistic director of the Manitoba Theatre Centre, is set in czarist Russia. Its principal protagonists are two teenagers, Zev and Aaron. Aaron is the talmud chochem, a youth who knows the talmud inside and out, while Zev has been assigned the unenviable task of finding Jewish boys to fill the army quota for his shtetl. Out of envy, Zev grabs Aaron for the army. They meet again after and although they hate each other, plot escape and end up on the same ship bound for England.

The Escape explores questions of faith and love. It also exposes its audience to Jewish religious traditions and the Jewish condition in 19th century Russia and the corruption and brutality of the Russian army.

The production was staged twice a day for high school students — over 2,000 saw it — and each performance was followed by a question and answer session with the cast of six, including Winnipeg Jewish actor Harry Nelken who has appeared on stages throughout western Canada in his 20-year career.

Students asked about the payes Aaron wore, whether mothers really did cut off their son's fingers to keep them out of the army, about the sets and about acting.

The WJT commissioned the play from Winnipeg author Carol Matas who wrote the script based on her most recent book *Sworn Enemies*. Matas is a best-selling author of science fiction and historical novels for teenagers. Among her previous works are Lisa, a story about a Jewish teen growing up in Denmark during the German occupation. *The Escape* is Matas' first play.

The second of the WJT's two mainstage productions opened on April 29. The Canadian premiere of *The Substance of Fire* stars Paul Soles as a Holocaust survivor and New York publisher whose uncompromising principles bring him into conflict with his children and threaten his business.

For December, the WJT has commissioned Winnipeg author Sheldon Oberman to write a Chanukah play for children.

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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Is there really a God? Did God actually say what is in the Torah? Were Adam and Eve the first people? How was God born? Where do people go after they die? Why do we observe Jewish rituals? Why do some people hate Jews?

To help provide light and guidance for children on these difficult and complex questions — and about 30 others like them — the editors of this helpful volume have solicited answers from authorities in the fields of Bible, theology, education and child psychology. These scholars and experts span the entire spectrum of Jewish denominational life.

Is there a God? Rabbi Reuben Bulka responds in part, as follows: "A world without God is a world without godly values. A world without God is a world in which human beings are just ordinary animals except that they walk on two feet . . . A Godless world is just a random reality with no purpose attached to it since there was no architect that made the world possible."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, in answer to the query, "Did God really say what is in the Torah?" suggests that the Torah was perhaps as long as 800 years in its process of development. But what is significant is that God did play a role in this process, but not in the way tradition has depicted it. "This makes Torah a book conjointly authored by God and by our people."

How was God born? Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn makes this interesting comparison, "We do not ask when electricity was discovered or when the law of gravity began. These physical qualities or characteristics of the universe existed long before any human being developed enough intelligence or sensitivity to discover them." Perhaps, he maintains, that just as electricity and gravity have always been aspects of the universe, so God has been.

Alfred Gottschalk, president of Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion, responds to the question, "Why am I Jewish?" "I choose to be Jewish because it is a lifestyle that places great importance on practicing good and right conduct towards others. It also . . . teaches the oneness of God and the unity of the human family." He also makes clear that Judaism insists that we are responsible for one another and that we must improve the world in which we live.

Why do people have to die? Rabbi Earl Grollman teaches that children should be told that Judaism is not overly concerned with the hereafter, but with the here and now. He says that a Jewish student once asked, "If you heard that the Messiah was coming, and you were planting a tree — what would you do?" The wise teacher answered, "First, plant the tree. Then, go and see if the Messiah is really coming." "In other words, in the face of death, L'Chaim (to life)!"

Best advice

A question some children undoubtedly ask is "If my parents get divorced is it my fault?" Rabbi Barnett Brickner says the best piece of advice he received when his parents got divorced was that of all the relationships one will have in one's lifetime, the only two people that one will always have a relationship with, the only two people that one can never not have a relationship with, are a mother and a father. Thus, it is up to each individual to try and make that relationship as good as possible.

The book's concise essays of a page or two differ markedly in language and complexity. Some are simple and easily imparted to children. Others are more complicated and beyond the ken of youngsters. All of them, however, will stimulate parents to ponder these hard questions for themselves in order to find explanations they can accept and honestly present to their offspring. This is a provocative and valuable handbook.

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Shvitz's glory days captured

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Toronto Jewish Film Festival

Not so long ago, when the Jewish community in North America was still largely an immigrant community, the steambath was practically an institution.

Virtually everyone, from doctors and dentists to grocers and tailors, revelled in the apparent healing powers of the beloved shvitz.

With acculturation, prosperity and the spectre of AIDS, the old-fashioned steambath has all but disappeared. Today, only a handful remain.

Jonathan Berman hasn't forgotten the halcyon days when the steambath reigned supreme, particularly in New York City's Lower East Side.

In *The Shvitz*, which was screened at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival, he lovingly recalls the heyday of the bathhouse, which seemed like "a home away from home."

Through the medium of current and file footage, Berman plumbs the depths of the shvitz, which was "the elixir of life" to several generations of New York Jews.

The bathhouse, we're told, was a social club par excellence, where men and women could unwind after a long week's work, where they could shmooze, play cards and, believe it or not, nosh to their heart's content.

"We'd talk about intimate things," confides a wizened lady. "You could let your hair down," says a man. "You could tell stories."

Indeed, according to another man's fond recollections, the shvitz was actually therapeutic: "it was like being on a psychiatrist's couch."

Berman's intrusive camera pans on mostly elderly, flabby, naked men — happily imbibing the steam, rolling over for one last soothing massage, pouring cold water from a pail over their heads or plunging resolutely into a swimming pool to cool off.

A younger man, who was introduced to the shvitz by his knowing father, praises it to the heavens, and concludes, "It should last for 1,000 years."

But the steambath, it is suggested, is going the way of the dinosaur.

For some, it was, and still is, too Old World and foreign. For others, the steambath has been tainted by its association with sexually transmitted diseases. A gay Jewish man observes that the baths "symbolized the golden age of promiscuity," with its possibilities of "instant sex."

Nevertheless, devotees of the shvitz still exist, and Berman appears to have found many of them.

The steambath may be on its last legs, but in *The Shvitz*, it is memorialized for posterity.

Vichy farmers' heroics revealed

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — How did a poor French farming village of 5,000 souls just 30 miles from Vichy manage to save 5,000 Jews with the Nazis virtually living next door?

This amazing story of unspectacular heroics by the farmers who were descendants of the Huguenots in southern France makes *Weapons of the Spirit* a fascinating documentary shown at the Jewish Film festival. (May 2)

It was written, narrated and directed by Pierre Sauvage, now of Los Angeles, who was born at the village, Chambon sur Lignon, and who did not find out he was Jewish until he was 18. His parents, originally from Poland, considered their Jewishness a taboo subject at Chambon and when they first settled in the United States.

Sauvage went back to the village to make the film with the help of the Grand Marnier Foundation and it was released in 1988.

He found the farmhome where he was born and the woman who held him as a baby, but she has since died.

It includes film of a Vichy minister speaking to the village children, most of them Jewish, and shaking hands with them after his speech lauding Petain. Forty years later the minister told Sauvage: "I had a particularly warm handshake for the Jewish children."

Unbelievably, after the Nazis took over the formerly unoccupied zone of southern France, the Germans set up shop in Chambon in a building right across the road from where French freedom fighters had their headquarters. Sauvage suggests that even the Nazi commander in the region knew about the Jews but took no action.

The good luck failed though when the Vichy police made a surprise raid on the village and dragged off two dozen youths, including one non-Jew, to their deaths.

In an interview with journalist Bill Moyers appending the film, Sauvage said he wanted to draw attention to "the enormity of Christian responsibility for the Holocaust in the heartland of Christian Europe."

He added: "I'm not an optimist about human nature. The world is a pretty awful place. But it need not be that way and Chambon sur Lignon is an example."

Graphic scenes

The narrative, intercut with graphic scenes of Marshal Petain and the Nazi march into Paris, traces the arrival of thousands of Jewish refugees to Chambon and their dispersal through the adjoining countryside, in a methodical, plodding way, matching the phlegmatic nature of the Christian farmers who just naturally assumed it to be their duty to assist people so close to the Old Testament. (There were only a few Catholics in the area, most being Christian fundamentalists, Sauvage said.)

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El Al Airlines

Samuel Kalev

Twenty-five years ago Samuel Kalev joined El Al, Israel's national airline, as a crew assignment officer and for the next 10 years was in charge of planning and executing flight schedules of cockpit crews all over the world. Following that he took part in the first marketing course held by El Al and shortly after found himself in the post of deputy representative for El Al in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

After several years he returned to Israel as customer service department manager developing marketing tools for agents and their customers, including the distinguished El Al passengers' club (The King David Club) and El Al's frequent flyer program. Kalev also introduced marketing tools for agents and their customers, including the first flyers to agents which provided information about El Al's special services such as the variety of meals, luggage restrictions and facilities for the disabled. He also upgraded the inflight magazine from a two-page black and white booklet to a 36-page full color glossy publication.

But the icing on the cake, he says, was being nominated as marketing channels manager and the two and a half years he spent working on the massive immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union. "This (finding ways to bring the olim to Israel) was handled by my department from A to Z in conjunction with the Jewish Agency."

Now that his children are grown, Kalev decided to accept a foreign post once more. He recently arrived in Toronto as district manager for El Al. CJN Managing Editor Len Butcher spoke to Kalev at the El Al offices.

CJN: *Since you've been here what has been your impression?*

Kalev: Coming here, I knew that the major market that had to be pushed and promoted was the Christian market. I am still in the process of studying the situation, but with a lot more knowledge than when I first arrived. The ethnic traffic out of Canada is being handled well by the ethnic agents and when I talk about ethnic traffic I mean Jewish/Israeli Canadians. That leaves the pilgrimage market to concentrate on.

CJN: *What are the plans to try and promote Israel for potential travellers?*

Kalev: Well, first of all, clergy familiarization trips for pastors, priests and decision makers of Christian groups to visit Israel and its holy sites so that they can see and really feel the country. Then a constant follow-up with these individuals to get the Christian groups for future visits (in winter 1992-93, 130 pastors and priests from Canada visited Israel on such trips.

Secondly, a series of seminars across Canada for Christian decision makers in conjunction with the Israel Government Tourist Office and Canadian tour operators interested in promoting this market.

There are several other avenues to pursue other than just promoting Israel as a religious or holiday destination. One is the health tourism market which is unique in Israel. The other is the incentive market. What I mean by that is companies who send their staff as a bonus to a holiday destination. Israel has to suggest all aspects of activities for those holiday makers whose companies are looking for a destination to send them as part of a bonus package. We have to promote and sell to the Canadian market all the features that are unique to Israel.

CJN: *What are some of those unique features?*

Kalev: First, Israel is unique for the pilgrimage market of which I don't have to elaborate. Secondly, the Dead Sea area is unique for the health market, particularly for people who suffer from skin diseases. Much research and successful treatment for things like psoriasis have attracted people from all over the world. In fact on March 1 we, along with the Israel Government Tourist Office, sent a group of dermatologists to Israel on an educational tour. We are going to follow it up so that in the future the health authorities in Canada may recognize these facilities in Israel and will contribute part of the payment of the health treatment to the patient.

Israel offers sun and fun--archaelogical sites, historical sites, and religious sites. And let's not forget bird watching. March and September, for instance, are excellent months for bird watching in Israel. The migration of birds in those months is tremendous. Over 450 species of birds are flying over Israel and more than 350 species live in Israel.

CJN: *One of the reasons people like going to Europe, for example, is that their holiday plans include several countries, all in close proximity, which exposes them to different cultures, traditions, food and sites. Now the Israel Government Tourist Office here and the Greek National Tourist Organization have combined to promote Israel and Greece as a holiday package. What are your feelings on a multi-country destination?*

Kalev: We are presenting our Mediterranean circuit offering our potential passengers--in conjunction with our return trans-Atlantic flights--visits to Athens, Istanbul and Cairo for as low as $326 U.S. We are also offering Nairobi, Johannesburg and Beijing.

CJN: *As I talk to you, I'm hearing plans to promote Israel rather than what El Al, the airline, is doing, although we will get to that. My question is, what's the difference in your own role here with El Al and Ruth Ben-Tzur's role with the Israel Government Tourist Office?*

Kalev: I think that not only in Canada, but everywhere we can work together up to a certain point in promoting Israel.

Once we reach this point, we at El Al concentrate on getting those tourists to Israel to fly on our airline. The IGTO mandate is to promote Israel and get people to go to Israel by all means of transportation. So that's the only dividing line between us. But we work very well and closely together.

CJN: *One of the criticisms of El Al has been the cost of fares. People tell me they would like to fly El Al, but the ticket price is too high. Is there any truth to this?*

Kalev: In each and every comparison you have to compare apples to apples, not apples to oranges. There are a few airlines that fly out of Canada to Israel. But El Al is the only airline that flies direct flights from Canada to Tel Aviv. Other airlines fly via Europe and on many of these flights, if not all, the passengers have to change planes in the European destination, usually having to wait either in the airport or somewhere else, sometimes as much as nine hours.

CJN: *Is there a possibility El Al will be able to fly within Europe in the near future?*

Kalev: We have a series of agreements with European and North American airlines to give together the best possible service and fares so that we may be able to compete on an equal basis.

CJN: *Is there anything being planned by El Al that you can tell me with regards to new destinations or new planes?*

Kalev: There are two things I can tell you about. We are changing all the seats on the 747 aircrafts which will facilitate six to seven centimetres to give more leg room. The second item is that since we established flights to Beijing in China, people in most Far East countries can come to Israel via Beijing, using airlines in the Far East (with which El Al has agreements) to Beijing, then El Al to Israel.

CJN: *Recently Sunquest Vacations here in Toronto, a major wholesaler in Canada, got into the Israel market and are using El Al as its sole carrier. Do you see this as a major breakthrough for tourism to Israel from Canada?*

Kalev: First of all, Sunquest is one of the major, if not the major tour operator in Canada. They have produced a full-color Israel brochure and distributed 350,000 copies across Canada. They are very professional as a tour operator and they are experts in marketing and promoting. We launched this joint venture in January of this year. It's a bit early to see the kind of results of this venture but I'm sure we will be successful.

Our aim is to promote one of the main markets we're after and that's the Christian market and we feel that they can and will do that. I hope that within six months we'll be able to say the venture is a success.

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CJN: *What percent of market share to Israel from Canada does El Al have?*

Kalev: We are carrying the major number of passengers to Israel, but naturally, we want to gain a larger share. One of the things we look at is that in the last few years, except for 1987, the number of Canadians going to Israel each year stayed at approximately the 30,000 figure. Which means that we must put a concentrated effort on increasing those numbers and that's where we are focusing a lot of our energy.

CJN: *We see that many airlines are doing badly. Many large carriers have gone out of business, while others have merged or been taken over. What is El Al's situation?*

Kalev: The changing economies around the world have definitely affected the airline industry and El Al cannot escape unscathed. I believe that management is successfully coping with these outside influences. Don't forget that for the past nine years El Al has been a very profitable airline. Recently, we bought a part of North American Airlines which operates our local routes in the United States. We are now in negotiations to do the same thing in Europe. These airlines are bringing passengers to a destination where they can continue on to Israel with El Al.

This is a major step for El Al. The other step is expanding our routes, particularly to the Far East, as I mentioned before.

CJN: *You seem to put a lot of importance to the opening of a flight path to Beijing. Why?*

Kalev: Because for the first time Israel is situated in the middle of the geographical map between the West and the Far East. This opens up huge opportunities for El Al both for tourism and trade.

CJN: *What do you hope to accomplish by the end of your five-year term?*

Kalev: I did not establish any goals coming in here, but I want to increase both the number of people going to Israel and to increase the number of people flying El Al. This way both Israel and El Al benefit. Secondly I want to establish good working relationships with tour operators and travel agents--who are our main marketing channels--who are willing to promote and sell Israel.

A Bird's Eye View

Dr. Gerald Halvert (right), president of UIA of Canada, is presented with an aerial photo of Canada Centre in Metulla, Israel, by Mayor Yossi Goldberg during a recent visit to Israel's northern region. Canada Centre, a major sports and reception complex, is a UIA project. It has become highly popular with Israelis who visit it by the thousands. It is also the training site of Israel's Olympic figure skating team, many of whom are recent Russian olim. Halbert and UIA executive vice-president Steven Ain also visited other UIA projects which strengthen Israel's north. [Victor Yagoda photo]

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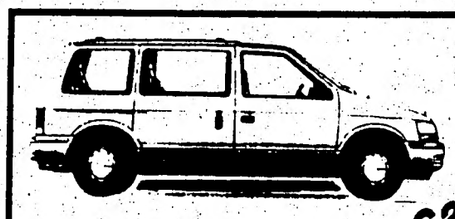
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U.S. tackles Arab boycott

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Efforts to end the Arab boycott against Israel and companies doing business with it have gained momentum here in recent months.

Both within the Clinton administration and on Capitol Hill, there are signs of a new resolve to crack down on American firms that comply with the boycott and stepped-up efforts to lobby foreign nations supporting the boycott to stop doing so.

Several factors have contributed to a mood more conducive to fighting the boycott. For one, Israel is currently negotiating peace with some of the boycott's chief sponsors.

Second, the establishment of relations with such former enemies as China and Russia has virtually ended Israel's diplomatic isolation, meaning that countries which have long supported the boycott are now thinking twice about the wisdom of doing so.

And finally, the current Israeli government is perceived as more moderate and in sync with the global community on such issues as the treatment of Palestinians and the future of the territories, meaning there is less motivation to take punitive measures against the Jewish state.

In the Jewish community, meanwhile, there has been more focus on the boycott since other longtime battles, such as the repeal of the UN resolution branding Zionism as racism, have been won.

The anti-boycott tone here in Washington has, at least in part, been set by President Bill Clinton himself.

"I hope this boycott can end soon," Clinton said at a joint news conference last month with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The president observed that both countries' economies could benefit from a lifting of the boycott.

One concrete example of the administration's determination to crack down on American companies complying with the boycott was the record $6 million fine assessed last month against Baxter International, the Illinois-based medical supply company.

But even before Clinton's inauguration, boycott fines collected by the U.S. government were going up. According to the American Jewish Congress newsletter *Boycott Report*, anti-boycott penalties reached over $1.8 million in fiscal year 1992, compared to $227,000 in 1991 and $857,000 in 1990.

The number for the 1993 fiscal year will be far higher because of the massive Baxter penalty.

The Arab boycott, in effect since 1946, before Israel came into being, has a negative impact not only on Israel's economy, but on that of the United States.

Over the past 40 years, the Federation of Israel Chambers of Commerce says, Israel has suffered $45 billion in lost trade and investments as a result of the boycott.

While some caution that this figure is only a guess, it is the estimate most often cited by anti-boycott activists. There are no comparable figures for the effect on the U.S. economy.

The boycott has several facets. First, there is the so-called primary boycott, under which Arab countries blacklist Israel and its products. Depending on how experts count boycott compliance, they say either 19 or 20 Arab countries fall into this category.

Next, there is the secondary boycott, which seeks to blacklist companies that do business in Israel. Then there is a tertiary boycott that tries to bar companies from doing business with other companies that do business with Israel.

Twelve Arab countries participate in the secondary boycott. In addition, some companies in some non-Arab countries with large Muslim populations, such as Indonesia, participate in the secondary boycott.

Jewish organizational leaders say the prime target for elimination should be the secondary, not the primary, boycott.

If a foreign country or company calls an American company and asks questions relating to the boycott and the American company's practices, the American company is supposed to report the questioning to the U.S. government.

A government report says that the number of such illegal boycott requests from abroad went up to 9,912 in 1992, from 6,812 in 1991. The number of requests from Kuwait in 1992 totaled 2,934, the highest of any country.

During his recent visit to the Middle East, Secretary of State Warren Christopher discussed the boycott with Arab leaders, especially those in the Gulf states.

It has been a particularly sore spot for many Americans that the Gulf countries have yet to renounce the boycott, after the United States fought to defend such countries as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia from Iraq during the Persian Gulf War.

Christopher acknowledged in recent testimony before a congressional subcommittee that he was "not entirely satisfied" with the reaction from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, and that he has urged U.S. ambassadors there to follow up on the issue.

"The fact that Christopher was prepared to be public about not enough being done in Kuwait, in addition to working behind the scenes," Hordes said, represents, "in a sense, a new element."

While Hordes said he does not feel the Bush administration neglected the boycott issue, "the Clinton administration has given" it "a higher profile," he said.

Will Maslow, editor of *Boycott Report*, said that some American firms are, in fact, beginning to get contracts in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, but that this process is occurring only on an informal basis.

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have yet to formally renounce the boycott, and "this is far from satisfactory," he said.

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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Y.M.H.A. Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Roselawn Cemetery
Roselawn and Chaplin Crescent
Adath Israel Section
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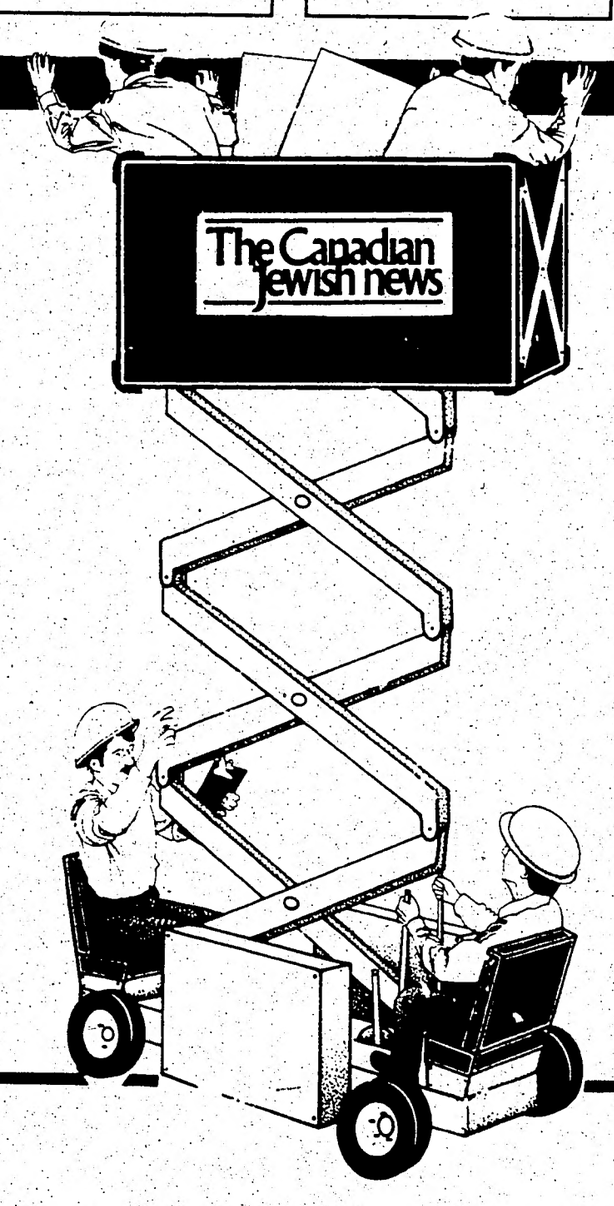

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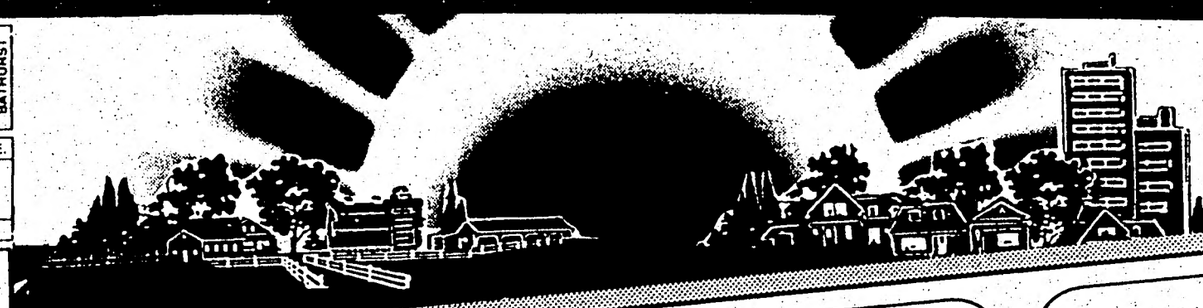

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